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Terminology map

If you are familiar with another reporting tool, the words you use to refer to reporting concepts may be different from the words used in Actuate documentation. To help you make the transition, this table lists some important terms from the world of reporting and gives the equivalent Actuate terminology.

Reporting term	Actuate term
attribute	property
auto arrange	space evenly
break group	group
break report	grouped report
browser	web browser
calculated field	calculated control or computed field
criteria	parameters
detail section	detail frame or innermost frame
Expert	wizard
field	column or control
footer	page footer
formula	expression
Formula Editor	Expression Builder
group field	group key
Group Footer	After
Group Header	Before
group level	group
groups/totals report	grouped report

Reporting term	Actuate term
header	page header
layout painter	Design Editor
level break listing	grouped report
link	join
link field	key
live header	Before
matrix report	crosstab report
N-up report	multi-column page layout
on-demand subreport	demand paging
parameter field	ad hoc parameter or static parameter
property sheet	Properties tab in Component Editor
region	frame
repeating frame	detail frame or innermost frame
report	e.report
Report Footer	After
Report Gallery	Create New Report dialog
Report Header	Before
report painter	Design Editor
request	query
section	frame
select painter	Query Editor
selection formula	parameter
setting	property
shortcut menu	context menu
sort-and-group-by field	group key
sort field	sort key
summary	aggregate row
two pass formula/function	lookahead aggregate
underlay	watermark
verify	synchronize query
x-axis	x-axis or category axis
y-axis	y-axis or value axis

abstract base class

A class created to organize a class hierarchy or define methods and variables that apply to derived classes. An abstract base class is one for which instances cannot be created.

Related terms

base class class

class hierarchy concrete base class

method

variable

abstract data type

See user-defined type.

Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT)

A set of components used for developing simple Java graphics applications. The Swing component architecture extends this toolkit.

Related term

Swing component architecture

access control list (ACL)

A list of security IDs for a page. If a security ID in the access control list matches any user ID, the page is accessible to the owner of that user ID.

Related terms

privilege security ID

active request

A request currently eligible for execution on a server. An active request begins to run when a Factory process becomes available.

Related terms

Factory process server application

ActiveX

See Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK).

Actuate Administrator Desktop

An application distributed as part of the Actuate e.Reporting Server used to manage user accounts, security, and report servers.



Related term

Actuate e.Reporting Server

Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server

A set of cooperating processes that includes open server and page security options. These processes employ the Actuate Administrator Desktop to manage information and service requests from users. For example, an Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server provides security, scheduling, report generation of Actuate and third party reports, printing, and notification. Use the Actuate Software Development Kit to extend the Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server functionality.

Related terms

Actuate Administrator Desktop Actuate e.Reporting Server Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK) open server technology page security server application server processes

Actuate Basic

A programming language that is syntax-compatible with Microsoft Visual Basic 3.0. Actuate Basic consists of standard Basic functions and statements, plus object-oriented language extensions. Report developers can write Actuate Basic code to go beyond what can be accomplished with the e.Report Designer Professional interface.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class Library class function object-oriented programming statement

Actuate Basic data type

See data type.

Actuate e.Analysis

An application that enables users to analyze search results in a report written in dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML). The analysis tool is a Java applet.

Related terms

applet

dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML)

Java

Actuate End User Desktop

An application used to access on-demand e.reports, to schedule running of e.reports, to run, print, and view e.reports.



Related term

e.report

Actuate e.Report Designer

An application that complements e.Report Designer Professional and is used by business users to design and distribute a variety of reports. Such designs can be used to distribute structured content over the World Wide Web.



Related terms

Actuate e.Report Designer Java Edition Actuate e.Report Designer Professional e.report World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Actuate e.Report Designer Java Edition

A Java application used to build report designs. Such designs can be used to distribute structured content over the World Wide Web.

Related terms

Actuate e.Report Designer Actuate e.Report Designer Professional e.report World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Actuate e.Report Designer Professional

An application used to build report designs and reusable components. Such designs can be used to distribute structured content over the World Wide Web.



Related terms

Actuate e.Report Designer component e.report report object design World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Actuate e.Reporting Server

A set of cooperating processes that employ the Actuate Administrator Desktop to manage information and service requests from users. For example, an Actuate e.Reporting Server provides scheduling, report generation, printing, and notification. Use the Actuate Software Development Kit to extend the Actuate e.Reporting Server functionality.

Related terms

Actuate Administrator Desktop Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK) server application server processes

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

A class supplied with Actuate software. The classes are the building blocks of report designs. Representative Actuate Foundation Classes include those that define data sources, dates, frames, graphs, images, numbers, pages, and sections. Users can derive classes from the Actuate Foundation Classes.

Related terms

base class class component

Actuate Foundation Class Library

A library that contains the Actuate Foundation Classes. The AFC.ROL file contains the Actuate Foundation Class Library.

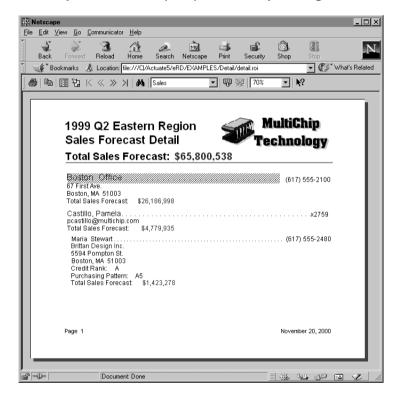
Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) class component library

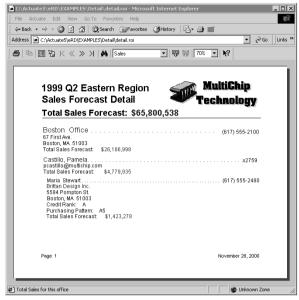
Actuate Live Report Extension (LRX)

An application used to find, view, and print e.reports accessed over the World Wide Web. The Actuate LRX runs in Internet browsers such as Netscape and Microsoft Internet Explorer. The LRX is different from the standard Actuate Viewer in that it does not contain the Navigator.

Live Report Extension (LRX) for Netscape Navigator



Live Report Extension (LRX) for Microsoft Internet Explorer



Related terms

Actuate Viewer

e.report

Navigator

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

A file that contains class association information for the main and component palettes. The class association tells you what button image is linked to a specific class.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Basic source (.BAS) file

e.report

palette

report object design (.ROD) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object library (.ROL) file

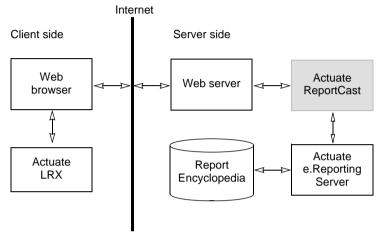
report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search definition (.ROS) file

Actuate ReportCast

A web server extension that enables users of the World Wide Web to locate and access e.reports in a Report Encyclopedia on an Actuate e.Reporting Server. ReportCast generates HTML pages based on templates. ReportCast technology pushes reports to particular users.



Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server Actuate ReportCast technology hypertext markup language (HTML) push Report Encyclopedia web server World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Actuate ReportCast technology

Application technology that delivers structured content and live e.reports to web browsers and other internet-connected applications.



Related terms

e.report structured content web browser

Actuate Scripting Language

1 A programming language that enables automation of simple commonly performed tasks. Actuate scripting language is part of Actuate ReportCast technology.

2 A language that automates the generation of HyperText Markup Language pages. Actuate Scripting Language commands determine how information is displayed on an e.report viewed in a web browser.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology command e.report hypertext markup language (HTML) web browser

Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK)

Development tools that include:

- 1 Actuate ActiveX Controls embed Actuate reporting functionality into custom applications.
- **2** Actuate Requester API accesses attributes and values of report parameters, changes the values of report parameters, controls how and when an e.report is generated, displays and prints reports, and configures report print setup. Access the Requester API using Actuate Basic, Visual Basic, C, or C++.
- **3** Actuate search extension API supports developing search extensions to transfer data to any third party productivity or analysis tool.
- 4 Actuate report server API implements common Report Encyclopedia tasks, integrates report server features into existing corporate applications, automates routine or time-consuming tasks, and implements new feature groupings for custom business processes. Access the report server API using C++.
- 5 Actuate Report Server Security Extension supports the use of third party security tools.
- **6** Actuate archive driver supports the use of third party archiving software and hardware.

Related terms

Application Programming Interface (API) application e.report parameter Report Encyclopedia

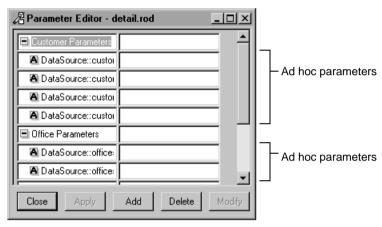
Actuate Viewer

An application used in the client/server environment to find, view, and print reports.



ad hoc parameter

A parameter, associated with a database column, that passes an expression that dynamically extends a query's Where clause. An ad hoc parameter is an optional value that restricts the number of rows returned from the database to the e.report.



Related terms

e.report parameter query

Administration process

An Actuate e.Reporting Server process that validates users and user requests. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server password server processes user name

administrator

A user who manages a Report Encyclopedia and its e. Reporting Servers. The administrator has grant privileges on all Encyclopedia items and can modify report server properties.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server grant privilege Report Encyclopedia role role owner server application

Administrator Desktop

See Actuate Administrator Desktop.

Advanced e.Reporting Server

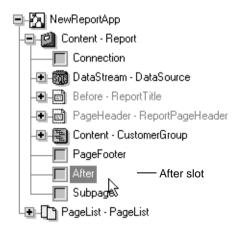
See Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server.

AFC (Actuate Foundation Class)

See Actuate Foundation Class (AFC).

After

A component reference property that identifies a component to be printed or displayed at the end of a section. After is a slot in the Design Editor. For example, After can contain the sum of all orders from one customer.



Related terms

component component reference property e.report section

slot

Contrast with

Before

aggregate row

A single row that summarizes data from a group of rows having one or more column values in common. A query that includes a Group By clause returns aggregate rows. For example, a row that totals all orders made by one customer is an aggregate row.

Related term

query

Contrast with

data row

alias

An alternate name. In Actuate Basic, an alias is a name given to an external procedure to avoid conflict with reserved words, variables, or constants. In a SQL statement, an alias is a name given to a database table or column.

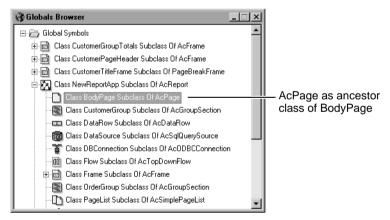
Related terms

Actuate Basic

SQL SELECT statement

ancestor class

Any class in the inheritance hierarchy from which a particular class directly or indirectly inherits.



Related terms

class

class hierarchy

Contrast with

base class

derived class

descendant class

subclass superclass

ANSI (American National Standards Institute) character set

An 8-bit character set that enables representation of up to 256 characters. The ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) character set is a subset of the ANSI character set.

Related term

ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) character set

Anv

An Actuate Basic reserved word that accepts variables of any data type.

Related terms Actuate Basic data type variable

AnyClass

An Actuate Basic reserved word that accepts a handle to a class of any type.

Related terms Actuate Basic class data type

applet

- 1 A small application program that performs a simple task. Applets are often embedded objects such as a Java program that can be included in an HTML page.
- **2** A type of Java program that runs directly from the web browser or an applet viewer.

Related terms

application

hypertext markup language (HTML)

Java object

web browser

application

A collection of code and visual elements that work together to perform a task.

Application Programming Interface (API)

A set of routines that manage windows, menus, and icons or request and carry out services performed by an operating system or network.

Related term

Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK)

argument

A constant, expression, or variable that supplies data to a function or a subroutine.

Related terms constant

data

expression

function

subroutine

variable

array

A data variable that consists of sequentially indexed elements having the same type. Each element has a common name, common data type, and a unique index number identifier. Changes made to an element of an array do not affect other elements.

Related terms

data type variable

ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) character set

A 7-bit character set that represents letters and symbols on a typical U.S. keyboard.

Related term

ANSI (American National Standards Institute) character set.

asterisk (*)

- **1** A wildcard character used for searches and queries.
- **2** A multiplication symbol in expressions.

Related terms

search expression

wildcard

ascendant class

See ancestor class.

assignment statement

A statement that assigns a value to a variable. For example:

Text1.text = "My Name"

authentication

A process through which the system validates a user's login.

authorization

The right granted to an individual to use the system and the data stored on it.

auto-archive

A file management capability that supports archiving and deletion of e.report files based on the age of the file, a specific date, or the number of versions.

Related term

e.report

auto-archive driver

An interface between the Report Encyclopedia and an external archive tool.

Related terms auto-archive driver program

base class

A class from which another class in the Actuate Foundation Class hierarchy derives. For example, AcSection is a base class for AcParallelSection.

Related terms abstract base class

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

class

concrete base class

base graph

The part of a dual y-axis graph whose y-axis is on the left.

Related term

graph

Contrast with overlay graph

Basic source (.BAS) file

A file that contains Actuate Basic source code. A Basic source file can be created in two ways:

- 1 The user writes a Basic source file using any text editor and saves it to a .BAS file.
- 2 The user compiles a report design (.ROD), which causes Actuate to generate a Basic source (.BAS) file. The source file or files are then compiled into an executable (.ROX) file.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

report object design (.ROD) file report object executable (.ROX) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object library (.ROL) file

report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search definition (.ROS) file

batch request

A request that the request process holds until an operations process is available to handle the request priority.

Related terms

operations process

request

Request process

Before

A component reference property that identifies a component to be printed or displayed at the beginning of a section. Before is a slot in the Design Editor. For example, Before can contain column headings.



Related terms

component component reference property e.report section slot

Contrast with

After

binary number

A number in base 2. A binary number uses only the digits 0 and 1. Each place represents a power of 2. By comparison, base 10 numbers use the digits 0 through 9. Each place represents a power of 10. Binary notation is used because the only values available in an electronic circuit are 0 (power off) and 1 (power on).

Related terms

bit

hexadecimal number

octal number

bit

The smallest unit of information in a computer. The value of a bit is either 0 or 1.

bit mask

A value used with bitwise operators (AND, EQV, IMP, NOT, OR, XOR) to test, set, or reset the state of individual bits in a bit-field value.

bitmap

The representation of an image by an array of bits. Bitmap files have the extensions such as .BMP or .JPG.

Related terms

array bit

bitwise operation

A bit-by-bit comparison of identically positioned bits in two numeric expressions.

Boolean expression

An expression that yields one of two values, True or False. The False state is always zero and the True state is always nonzero. The True state has two definitions, one bit-wise, the other logical. The bit-wise definition is represented by the intrinsic constant True and always equals 1. The logical definition is used in testing for conditional expressions in statements such as IF condition THEN... or WHILE condition... WEND where any expression that evaluates to nonzero fulfills the condition.

Related term expression

breakpoint

A place marker in a program being debugged causing execution to be halted so that data values may be examined and altered.

Related term

debug

browser

A tool used to search for information such as design elements, e.reports, and database elements.

Related terms

Database browser

e.report

Globals Browser Library Browser Project Browser

Stored Procedure Browser

web browser

BSTR

An OLE string that must be freed by its requester, unlike a C++ string that must be freed by its creator.

Related terms

OLE (object linking and embedding)

string expression

Builder

See Expression Builder, Query Editor, Stored Procedure Data Source Builder.

Builder button

A button used to open the Color Chooser, Expression Builder, Method Editor, and Query Editor.



Related terms

Color Chooser

Expression Builder

Method Editor

Ouerv Editor

Stored Procedure Data Source Builder

bursting

See report bursting.

button

An icon in a toolbar, tool palette, or dialog box that provides quick access to a feature or function.





Related term

toolbar

calculated column

A field defined in a query that yields the result of an expression.

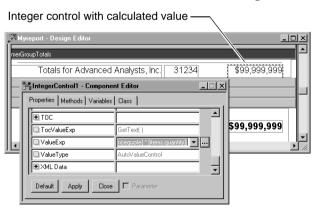
Related terms

field

query

calculated control

A data control that displays the result of an expression rather than stored data. Actuate recalculates the result each time it generates the report.



Related terms

data control expression

caption

The text on a label or in the title bar of a report window.

Actuate End User Desktop

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category

A group within a dimension. Categories appear in rows on the vertical axis, or in columns on the horizontal axis, or in the drop-down menu of a dimension. Within the dimension labeled Probability, you can have the categories labeled high, medium, and low.

Related term dimension

cascading events

A sequence of events triggered by some particular event. Cascading events are also referred to as event cascades.

Related term

event

Contrast with recursion

case sensitivity

A condition in which the system considers letter case to be significant for the purposes of comparison. For example, "McManus" does not match "MCMANUS" or "mcmanus" in a case-sensitive environment.

cell

An intersection of row and column in a crosstab or grid.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3		
Row 1	Data	Data		
Row 2	Data	Data		— Cell
Row 3	Data	Data		
Row 4	Data	Data		
			Ш	

Related terms

column

channel

A set of pages, news headlines, and other information that a publisher packages and transmits to subscribers.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology publish and subscribe

subscribe

Contrast with

unsubscribe

channel page

A HyperText Markup Language page that displays the contents of a specific channel.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel

hypertext markup language (HTML)

page

channel subscription page

A page that displays the set of channels to which a user can subscribe and the user's subscription status.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

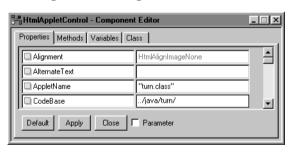
channel

channel page

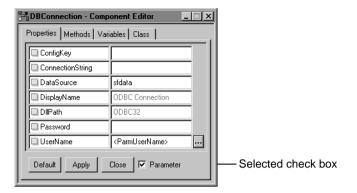
subscribe

check box

A control that represents an option such as On/Off or True/False set by selecting or deselecting. When selected, the check box contains a check.



Deselected check



class

A set of methods and variables implemented in Actuate Basic that defines the characteristics of an object. All objects of a given class are identical in form and behavior, but contain different data in their variables.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

base class

component

concrete base class

method

object

subclass

superclass

variable

class declaration

An Actuate Basic statement that defines a class. A class declaration contains other class, method, and variable declarations.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

class

declaration

method

variable

class hierarchy

A tree structure that represents the inheritance relationships among a set of classes.

Related terms

base class

class

inheritance

class name

A unique name given to a class that permits unambiguous references to its public methods and variables.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

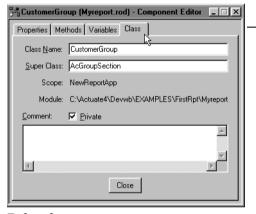
class

method

variable

Class page

A page in the Component Editor that displays class information about the selected component. A Class page displays information such as superclass and scope of the selected component.



Tab indicates this page is the Class page

Related terms

class

component

Component Editor

page

scope

superclass

Contrast with

Methods page

Properties page

Variables page

client/server

A relationship in which server software accepts requests from client software and returns the results to the client. Typically, the client and server software are located on different machines and communicate over a network.

Clipboard

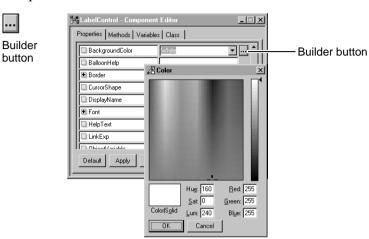
A temporary storage area used by Windows that holds graphics or text to transfer from one document to another.

Contrast with

Scratch Pad

Color Chooser

A tool in e.Report Designer and e.Report Designer Professional that specifies colors for parts of the report such as control backgrounds, fonts, frame backgrounds, and lines. Use the Builder button in the Properties page of the Component Editor to access the Color Chooser.

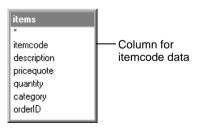


Related terms

Builder button Component Editor control frame Properties page

column

A named field in a database table or query. For each row, the column has a different value, called the column value. The term column refers to the definition of the column, not to any particular value.



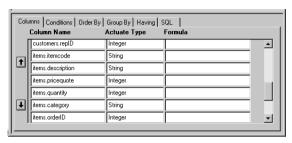
Related terms

field query row table

value

Columns page

A page in the Query Editor that lists columns selected for inclusion in an e.report. Use the Columns page to select those columns or define computed columns.



Related terms

column

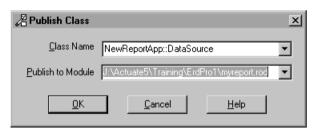
e.report

page

Ouerv Editor

combo box

A control that functions as a text box and list box combined. To use a combo box, type a value or select an item from a list.



command

- 1 A user-initiated action request that takes the form of a name and parameters that can be performed by an application.
- 2 In Actuate ReportCast, commands are part of the scripting language included with the Actuate ReportCast. These commands are embedded in the HTML comments of the Actuate ReportCast template file. The command tells ReportCast how to generate a web page. Scripting language commands use this format:

<!- - #Actuate <directive> [options] - ->

For example:

<!- - #Actuate list members (roles) - ->

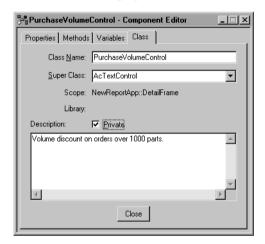
Related terms

Actuate ReportCast

hypertext markup language (HTML) parameter scripting language template web page

comment

1 Text on the Class page which documents the purpose of a component.



2 Text written in Actuate Basic code to describe your code or your work. Each comment line starts with a single quote (') or the keyword REM followed by a space.

GetUserLevel (username\$, password\$, requestedFunction%) As Boolean ' Functional Description: 'This function is called at runtime to determine the user's privilege level by looking the user up in the db \local\dbusers, verifying that the password matches, and returning True or False for the requested task

Related terms

Actuate Basic Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) Class page component

Common Gateway Interface (CGI)

An Internet standard that describes how a web server should access external programs so that the data is returned to the user in the form of an

automatically generated web page. Forms that a Web user fills out generate output handled by a CGI program or script that brings other programs into play as necessary.

Related terms

data

Internet

program

web server

compile

To translate code written by a programmer into object code for execution. In Actuate, compiling is translating a Basic source file into an executable file.

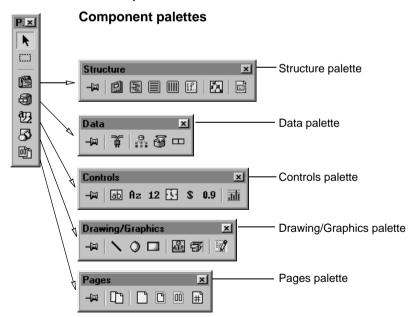
Related terms

Basic source (.BAS) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

component

A building block used to construct a report design. Components are representations of Actuate Basic Foundation Classes. Components have properties and methods that define their appearance and behavior. One component can be based on or derived from another component. All components derive from AcComponent, the principal base Actuate Foundation Class. For modification and reuse, components may be grouped and stored in a library.



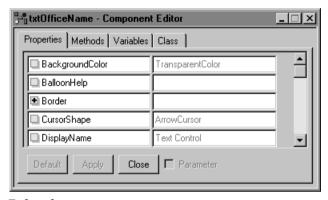
Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) class

library object structural component visual component

Component Editor

A tool in e.Report Designer and e.Report Designer Professional used to define, manipulate, and view methods, properties, and variables of a component. The Component Editor also identifies the class from which the component derives. The Class page, Methods page, Properties page, and Variables page make up the Component Editor.



Related terms

class

Class page

component

inheritance

method

Methods page

property

Properties page

variable

Variables page

component library

A file that contains components which can be modified for use in one or more report designs. The file suffix of component library files is .ROL.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

class

component

library

report object library (.ROL) file

component reference property

A property that stores the name of another component. Component reference properties record reference relationships between components. For example, a frame Content property stores the name of controls within that frame.

Related terms

component

control

frame

property

computed column

A field defined in a query that displays the result of an expression rather than stored data. The database engine recalculates the value each time it runs the

Related terms

data

expression

field

query

value

concrete base class

A class created to organize a hierarchy or define methods and variables that apply to derived classes. A concrete base class is one for which instances can be created.

Related terms

base class

class

class hierarchy

method

variable

Contrast with

abstract base class

conditional expression

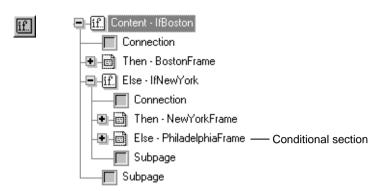
An expression that evaluates to True or False. For example, Total > 3000. If the condition is met, the condition evaluates to True. If the condition is not met, the condition evaluates to False.

Related term

expression

conditional section

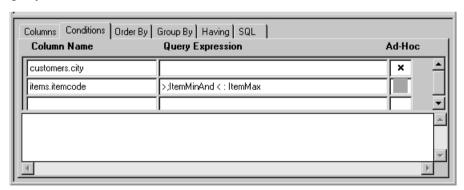
A section that uses a conditional expression to determine which of two frames or subreports should be included in an e.report.



e.report frame group section parallel section report section section sequential section subreport

Conditions page

A page in the Query Editor that displays selection criteria for rows that the query selects from the database.



Related terms

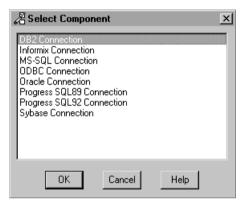
page Query Editor

connection

1 A communication link with a database or other data source.

2 A component that establishes a link with a database. Actuate provides several standard connection types, DB2, Informix, Microsoft SQL Server, ODBC, Oracle, Progress 8, Progress 9, Sybase 11.5 and 11.9.2. There are two types of e.reports for which you do not need to define a connection. The first is a subreport that shares a connection with another report. The second is a report that does not get data from a database. For this type of report, you must create a custom data stream. The relevant Actuate Foundation Classes are AcDB2Connection, AcInformixConnection, AcMSSOLConnection, AcODBCConnection, AcOracleConnection, AcProgressConnection, AcProgressSQL92Connection, and AcSybaseConnection.



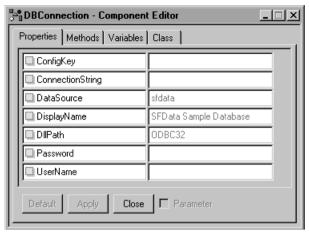


Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component data data stream e.report subreport

Connection property

A value required to establish the connection. The properties required vary depending on the database configuration. Typical connection properties are user name and password. Connection properties are associated with the connection component.



component connection password property value

consistent report design

A report design that can be compiled and executed with no errors. Actuate has a design consistency check which examines the report design for references to unknown classes, methods, or variables.

Related terms

class e.report

method

variable

constant

An unchanging, predefined value. A constant does not change while a program is running, but the contents of a field or variable can change.

Contrast with

field

value

variable

constructor code

Code that initializes an instance of the class.

Related terms

class

instance

containment

A relationship among instantiated objects in an e.report. One component, the container, consists of other components, the contents.

Related terms

e.report

component

Content

report object instance (.ROI) file

containment hierarchy

A hierarchy of objects in the e.report.

Related terms

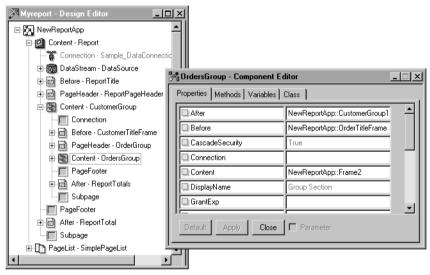
e.report

hierarchy

Report Object

Content

A component reference property that determines what appears in the component for every data row processed by the component. For example, the content of the innermost group section is likely to be a frame displaying data for each detail row.



Related terms

component

component reference property

data

frame

context menu

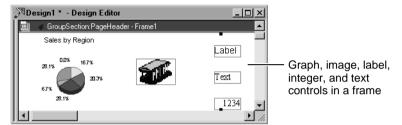
A menu accessed using the right mouse button. The context menu contains commonly used commands associated with a particular item such as a component.

Related terms

command component

control

A graph, graphic, number, text, or other element that can be placed in a frame or on a page. These objects display data, perform an action, or make the report easier to read. A control can be static or data driven. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class in e.Report Designer Professional is AcControl.



Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

data

frame

object

control properties

See property.

converter

A tool that converts XML output to another format such as DHTML or Adobe PDF.

Related terms

dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML)

extensible markup language (XML)

format

copy

A technique that duplicates all currently selected data or objects and places that material temporarily on the Clipboard.

Related terms

Clipboard

data

crosstab report

An e.report that displays data in spreadsheet format using rows and columns. Every cell in a crosstab report contains a calculated value.

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Related terms

cell

column

data

e.report

row

cube

A data organization technique that supports organizing into multiple dimensions to access and analyze large quantities of data. Actuate e.Analysis supports data formatted into cubes linked to DHTML pages. Users access and analyze these DHTML pages with any Java-enabled web browser.

Related terms

Actuate e.Analysis

cube

data

dimension

dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML)

Iava

web browser

cue card

An online window that contains a step-by-step procedure to help accomplish an unfamiliar task quickly. The title of each cue card begins "How to..." The procedures are identical to those in the printed manual, so there is no need to cross-check for additional or different information.

Related terms

online help procedure

Currency data type

An Actuate Basic data type used for financial or fixed-point calculations. The Currency data type stores numbers with up to 20 digits to the left of the decimal point and up to 9 digits to the right of the decimal point. The range of the currency data type is -39,614,081,257,132,168,796.771975167 to 39,614,081,257,132,168,796.771975167.

Actuate Basic data type

customize

- To change component methods or properties to modify appearance or behavior.
- **2** To change the product environment.

Related terms

component method property

cut

A technique that removes all currently selected data or objects and places that material temporarily on the Clipboard.

Related term Clipboard

data

Information stored in databases, spreadsheets, or documents that can be displayed in an Actuate structured document or e.report. The information can be text, numbers, or graphics.

Related terms data source e.report

structured content

data abstraction

A process of defining new, high-level data types to serve the specialized needs of a particular application or program. Object-oriented languages use this process.

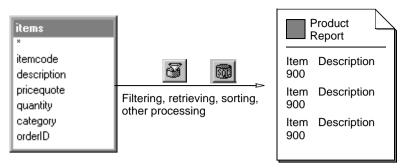
Related term

object-oriented programming

Contrast with data type

data adapter

A data stream processing component. A data adapter filters, retrieves, sorts, or otherwise processes information. The two types of data adapters are data sources and data filters. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcDataAdapter.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) data filter data row data source data stream

data control

A component that stores and displays data. The relevant Actuate Foundation Classes are AcCurrencyControl, AcDataControl, AcDateTimeControl, AcDoubleControl, AcIntegerControl, AcNumericControl, and AcTextControl.



Related terms

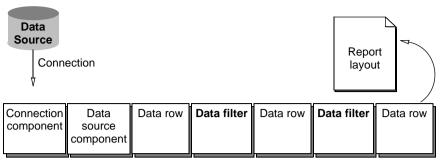
Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component data

Contrast with

static control

data filter

A component that can compute new values, perform custom lookup, select rows, sort, and join data from multiple data adapters. A data filter is a type of data adapter. Data may pass through a series of filters before being delivered to the report. The relevant Actuate Foundation Classes are AcMemoryBuffer, AcMemoryDataSorter, AcMultipleInputFilter, and AcSingleInputFilter.



Data stream

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component data data adapter join query row

data frame

A frame that displays data from a data row. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcFrame.



value

Related terms

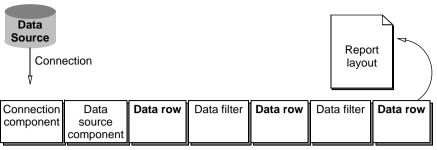
data data row frame

Contrast with

static frame

data row

A component that describes and contains the output of a data adapter. That output can be used as a source of data for either an e.report or another data adapter. A data row includes a list of variables. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcDataRow.



Data stream

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component data data adapter e.report variable

data source

- 1 A repository of data such as a structured document, a flat file, an object database, a spreadsheet, a SQL database, a Java application, or any other pool of information. An Actuate e.report can include all these types of data.
- **2** The component that collects data from outside an e.report. The data source is a type of data adapter. All data source components derive from the Actuate Foundation Class as AcDataSource.

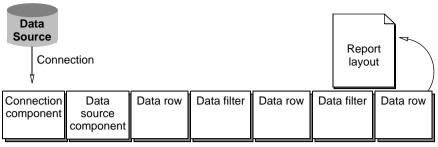


Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component data data adapter e.report structured content

data stream

A sequence of one or more data adapters that collect, process, and deliver data as input to the report layout components.



Data stream

component

data

data adapter

layout

data type

A category for variables that determines characteristics such as the information they can hold and the permitted operations. Fundamental data types include Currency, Date, Double, Integer, Long, Single, String, and Variant.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Currency data type

Date data type

Double data type

Integer data type

Long data type

Single data type

String data type

variable

Variant data type

Contrast with

data abstraction

semantic type

Database Browser

A tool that shows the available databases, tables, and columns managed by the DBMS server to which Actuate is connected.

Related terms

browser

column

database management system (DBMS)

table

database connection

See connection.

database management system (DBMS)

Software that helps you organize simultaneous access to shared data. Database management programs store relationships among various data elements.

Related term

data

Date data type

An Actuate Basic data type used for date and time calculations. The Date data type stores floating-point numbers that represent dates ranging from 1 January 100 to 31 December 9999 and times from 00:00:00 to 23:59:59. Date variables display dates and times based on the formats specified by your computer.

Related terms

Actuate Basic data type format

DBMS (database management system)

See database management system (DBMS).

debug

To detect, locate, and fix errors. Typically, debugging involves executing specific portions of a computer program and analyzing the operation of those portions.

declaration

In Actuate Basic, the definition of a constant, class, variable, or user-defined type that specifies the name and data type.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

class constant data type variable

declarations section

The position of an Actuate Basic module that contains constant, data type, and global variable declarations. The declarations section is enclosed in Declare...End Declare.

Related terms

Actuate Basic constant data type variable

default

A value that is automatically assigned by the application when the user does not specify a value.

Related terms

override value

delete privilege

A privilege that provides the option to remove items from the Report Encyclopedia. Other privileges include execute, grant, read, secure read, visible, and write.

Related terms

execute privilege grant privilege privilege read privilege Report Encyclopedia secure read privilege visible privilege write privilege

demand paging

A mechanism for dealing efficiently with large files. Instead of reading an entire file into memory or sending an entire file over a network, pages are sent as needed. This method of data transfer improves response time and optimizes resource usage.

Related term

Virtual Report Distribution

dependency

A relationship between two items. For example, a dependency exists between a specific report executable (.ROX) and a report document (.ROI). That means the report document does not run unless the report executable is present.

Related terms

report object instance (.ROI) file report object executable (.ROX) file

derived class

A descendant class. For example, AcIntegerControl is a derived class of AcDataControl.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) class descendant class subclass

Contrast with

ancestor class base class superclass

descendant class

A class based on another class.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

derived class

subclass

Contrast with

ancestor class base class

superclass

design

- 1 The process of creating a report specification. Designing an e.report includes selecting data streams, laying out the report visually, and saving the layout in a report design (.ROD) file. Report designs can be edited in e.Report Designer and e.Report Designer Professional by opening the design file.
- 2 A report specification. Actuate stores report designs in a report object design (.ROD) file.

Related terms

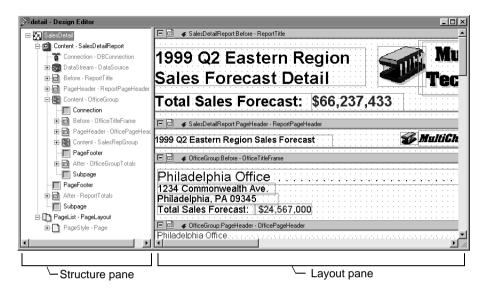
data stream

e.report

report object design (.ROD) file

Design Editor

The tool used to specify the structure and appearance of an e.report or a single component.



component

e.report

layout pane

structure pane

detail frame

A frame that prints for each row from the data stream. To create a detail frame, place a frame in the Content slot of an e.report or group section.

Related terms

Content

data stream

e.report

frame

group section

row

Developer Workbench

See Actuate e.Report Designer Professional.

DHTML (dynamic hypertext markup language)

See dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML).

dimension

A data category used by Actuate e. Analysis to create an axis of a cube for presentation of a data view. The view displays two dimensions at a time. The dimension bar lists all possible dimensions of the cube.

Related terms

Actuate e.Analysis

category cube data view

directive

See ReportCast directive.

DLL (dynamic-link library)

See dynamic-link library (DLL).

document object model (DOM)

A model that defines the structure of a document such as an HTML or XML document. The document object model defines interfaces that dynamically create, access, and manipulate the internal structure of the document.

Related terms

extensible markup language (XML) hypertext markup language (HTML) structured content

document type definition (DTD)

A set of markup tags and their interpretation that together define the structure of a document.

Related terms

extensible markup language (XML) structured content

domain name

A name that defines individual Internet computers. For example, Actuate Corporation's domain name is Actuate. The Web address is www.actuate.com.

Related term

Internet

dot notation

Syntax that refers to the methods and variables of an object. The dot separates the name of an object handle from the name of an instance variable or method in the referenced object.

Related terms

method object syntax variable

Double data type

An Actuate Basic data type that stores double-precision floating point numbers, ranging in value from - 1.797693134862315E308 to - 4.94066E-324 for

negative values and from 4.94066E-324 to 1.797693134862315E308 for positive values.

Related terms

Actuate Basic data type

drag-and-drop

A Windows technique that requires clicking the mouse button while the pointer is over an object you wish to select and move. Hold the mouse button down to drag the object over the destination. Release the mouse button to drop the object at the destination. The operation that is performed by this action, such as copy, move, subclass, or publish, depends on the component you select and the place where you drop it.

Related terms

publish and subscribe slot subclass

drawing control

A component that adds graphic elements to a report design. Actuate provides ellipse, image, line, OLE container, and rectangle. The relevant Actuate Foundation Classes are AcEllipseControl, AcHtmlImageControl, AcHtmlRuleControl, AcImageControl, AcLineControl, AcOleContainerControl, and AcRectangleControl.





Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) control ellipse control image control line control OLE (object linking and embedding) rectangle control

driver program

An interface between the Actuate e.Reporting Server and a third-party program.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server auto-archive driver open server driver

DTD (document type definition)

See document type definition (DTD).

dual y-axis graph

A type of graph that has two independent y-axes.

Related terms

base graph graph overlay graph

dynamic hyperlink

A programmed connection from one part of an e.report to another part of a different report. The dynamic hyperlink differs from a standard hyperlink by first generating a new report, then linking the source report to the destination report. The standard hyperlink simply connects two existing reports. To program a dynamic hyperlink, use the Requester API.

Related terms

Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK) Application Programming Interface (API) e.report hyperlink

dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML)

An HTML extension that provides greater control over page layout elements. DHTML provides interactivity in a web page without the necessity for communication with a web server. The Document Object Model Group of the W3C is developing DHTML standards.

Related terms

hypertext markup language (HTML) layout World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

dynamic-link library (DLL)

A library of routines loaded and linked into applications at run time. Such routines may provide such functions as data source Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), specialized mathematical or statistical analysis, and audio or video processing. These routines can be called from Actuate Basic.

Related term

Actuate Basic

ellipse control

A component that adds a circular or oval graphic shape to a report design. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcEllipseControl.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component control

drawing control

embed

To insert a copy of an OLE object from one application inside another. Once embedded, the object has no association with the original source object.

Related terms

link object

OLE (object linking and embedding)

empty

A value that indicates a variable has not been initialized. Empty equals zero in a numeric context, zero-length in a string context, or Nothing in the case of an object handle.

Related terms

value variable

encapsulation

A technique of packaging related data functions and subroutines together. Encapsulation compartmentalizes the structure and behavior of a class, hiding the implementation details, so that parts of an object-oriented system need not depend on, or affect, each other's internal details. The mechanism for encapsulation is an object.

Related terms

class data function object subroutine

Encyclopedia

See Report Encyclopedia.

End User Desktop

See Actuate End User Desktop.

enterprise

A large collection of networked computers running on multiple platforms. Enterprise systems can include both mainframes and workstations integrated into a single manageable environment. Software products include browsers, applications, applets, Web protocols, and multiple databases supporting a warehouse of information.

application browser enterprise reporting

enterprise reporting

The production of a high volume of simple and complex structured documents that collect data from a variety of data sources. These e.reports are deployed to a large number of geographically distributed users working in both client/server and Internet environments.

Related terms

client/server

data

e.report

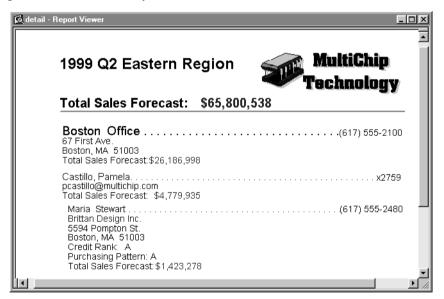
enterprise

Internet

structured content

e.report

A structured document that follows a set of rules to organize, summarize, and present data from many records.



Related terms

structured content XML report

e.reporting

A technology that draws data from multiple data sources such as spreadsheets and databases and presents it as structured content for viewing in a web browser.

Related terms

data

data source

structured content

web browser

e.Reporting Server

See Actuate e.Reporting Server.

escape character(\)

A character provided to take care of cases where special characters are to be taken literally rather than treated specially. This character is valid only in Ouery by Example (OBE) expressions.

Related term

Query by Example (QBE)

event

- An action or occurrence recognized by an object. Each object responds to a predefined set of events that can be extended by the developer. For example, user events include clicking the mouse button and moving a pointer.
- **2** An action or occurrence associated with an object. For example, object moved, object operation completed, object operation failed, and object renamed.

Related terms

event handler

object

event handler

A method that runs in response to an event. Event handlers override the method's default action.

Related terms

event

method

executable file

A file that contains machine-readable instructions that, when run, perform one or more tasks. Actuate report executables have .ROX filename extensions.

Related term

report object executable (.ROX) file

execute privilege

A privilege that provides the option to run items from the Report Encyclopedia. Other privileges include delete, grant, read, secure read, visible, and write.

Related terms

delete privilege grant privilege privilege read privilege Report Encyclopedia secure read privilege visible privilege write privilege

expiration

An Actuate ReportCast channel property that specifies how long an e.report and its headline appear as a selection.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel e.report property

expression

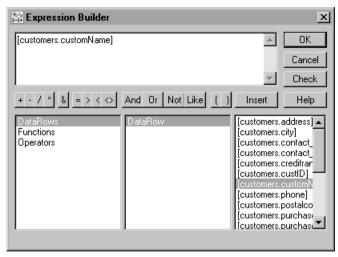
A combination of constants, controls, functions, literal values, names of fields, and operators that evaluates to a single value. Expressions can set property values.

Related terms

constant control field function property value

Expression Builder

A tool used to write expressions.



expression

extensible markup language (XML)

A markup design language or a meta-language from which markup languages can be derived. XML is a simplified form or subset of SGML developed specifically for use on the World Wide Web. XML organizes data into a strictly defined hierarchy that facilitates data exchange. XML is content-oriented rather than format-oriented.

Related terms

data

standard generalized markup language (SGML)

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Contrast with

hypertext markup language (HTML)

Factory

An internal tool that generates an e.report for viewing. The Factory follows the instructions in a report executable (.ROX) file to generate a report (.ROI).

Related terms

e.report

report object executable (.ROX) file report object instance (.ROI) file view

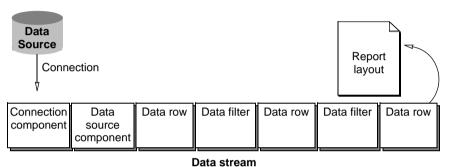
Factory process

An Actuate e.Reporting Server process that generates a report instance file (.ROI) from a report executable file(.ROX) and issues notification of the completion of the e.report. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

e.report notification report object executable (.ROX) file report object instance (.ROI) file server processes

fetch

To retrieve the next available data row. Data adapters fetch data rows. If the data adapter is a data source component, the fetch reads a new data record from the database or other data source. If the data adapter is a filter, then the filter retrieves a data row from another data adapter and processes the row.



Related terms

data

data adapter data filter

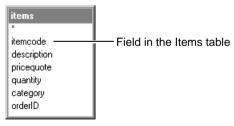
1 .

data row

data source

field

The smallest identifiable part of a table structure. A field is also called a column.



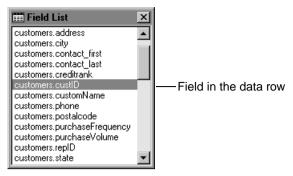
Related term

column

Field List

A tool in e.Report Designer Professional that shows all the fields in the data row that are returned by a data stream.

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data row data stream

file dependency

A file property that means one file depends upon another file for its existence. For example, the Actuate e.Reporting Server automatically creates a dependency between a report document (.ROI file) and the report object executable (.ROX file). Both files must be present to run and view an e.report.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

e.report

property

report object instance (.ROI) file report object executable (.ROX) file

file types

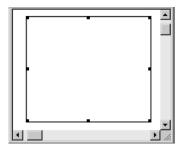
See Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file, Basic source (.BAS) file, report object design (.ROD) file, report object executable (.ROX) file, report object instance (.ROI) file, report object library (.ROL) file, report object value (.ROV) file, report object web (.ROW) file, search definition (.ROS) file.

filter

See data filter.

flow

A component that defines a printable area of a page. Flows determine the columns and margins of a page. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcFlow.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

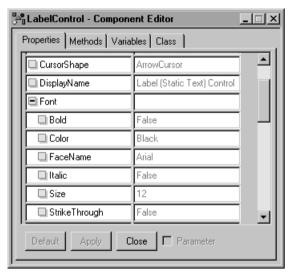
page

Contrast with

frame

font

A family of characters of a given style. Fonts contain information specifying typeface, weight, posture, and type size. Properties can be set to specify different type sizes and styles such as bold, italic, and so on.



Related term

property

footer

A unit of information that appears at the bottom of a page. A group footer is a unit of information that appears at the bottom of a group section.

Related terms

group

group section

page

Contrast with

header

format

A series of standard options that display and print dates, numbers, text, and times. Actuate Basic both provides pre-defined formats and permits userdefined formats.

Related term Actuate Basic

format toolbar

A toolbar used to change properties quickly without using the Component Editor. The properties available through the format toolbar include alignment, font, font color, font size, and font style.



Related terms

Component Editor

font toolbar

forms-capable browser

A browser that handles HyperText Markup Language (HTML) forms. HTML tags enable interactive forms including fill-in text areas, option buttons, dropdown list boxes, and check boxes.

Related terms

browser

hypertext markup language (HTML)

frame

A rectangular container for controls such as graphics, numbers, and text. In e.Report Designer Java Edition the term zone is used instead of frame.



2 An HTML frame is an independently scrollable section of a window that divides a web page into horizontal and vertical sections. Actuate structured documents can include HTML frames. Actuate ReportCast template files make use of HTML tables.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast

data frame

static frame

ReportCast template file

framework

A set of classes, such as the Actuate Foundation Classes, that provide an

architecture for building an application.

Related terms

class

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

function

A sequence of instructions that has been defined as a separate unit within a program, allowing the unit to be invoked anywhere in the program simply by including its name as one of the instructions. An Actuate Basic function is similar to a subroutine except it returns a value.

Related terms

Actuate Basic program value

Contrast with subroutine

generate code

A process that precedes compiling. Generating code translates the report design file (.ROD file) into Actuate Basic code (.BAS file).

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Basic source (.BAS) file

compile

report object design (.ROD) file

global name space

A list of names of items available throughout a report design. The list may include names of classes, functions, and variables.

Related terms

class

function

report object design

scope-resolution operator (::)

variable

global variable

A variable available to all procedures in an application. A global variable stays in memory until the application ends.

Related terms

instance variable

procedure

static variable variable

Globals Browser

A tool that shows the symbols in an e.report.

Related terms

browser e.report

grandchild class

See descendant class.

grandparent class

See ancestor class.

grant privilege

A privilege that provides the option to extend privileges for a specific item in the Report Encyclopedia to other users. The user who develops a particular item and places it in the Report Encyclopedia and the administrator both have grant privileges for that item. Other privileges include delete, execute, read, secure read, visible, and write.

Related terms

delete privilege execute privilege privilege read privilege Report Encyclopedia secure read privilege visible privilege write privilege

graph

A component used to create or display information visually in an e.report. Actuate provides a set of standard business graphs such as pie charts, bar graphs, and scatter graphs. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcGraph.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component control e.report

grid

A vertical and horizontal pattern of lines that helps users position design components accurately. The grid appears in the layout pane of the Design Editor.

component Design Editor layout pane

group

- 1 A set of data rows that have one or more column values in common. For example, in a sales report, a group consists of all the orders placed by the same customer.
- 2 A notification list. All users can use any notification list, but only the administrator can modify or create a list.

Related terms

administrator column data row group owner grouped report notification value

group owner

A user who controls the membership of a group.

Related term

group

group section

A component that sorts rows on a common field. For example, customers can be grouped by state. Group sections are used to create grouped reports.





Related terms

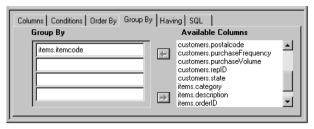
component group grouped report row section

Contrast with

conditional section parallel section report section sequential section

Group By page

A page in the Query Editor that displays definitions of aggregate rows. Use the Group By page to specify aggregate rows, which summarize data from a group of rows.



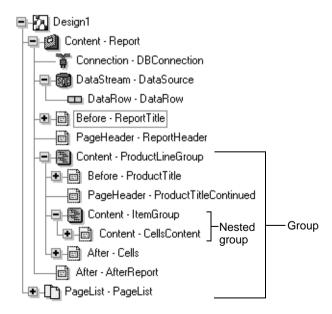
Related terms

aggregate row data page row **Query Editor**

grouped report

An e.report that organizes data in nested groups.

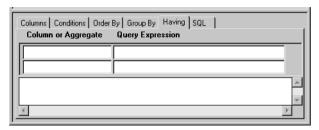
Structure pane of a grouped report



data e.report group

Having page

A page in the Query Editor that displays selection criteria for aggregate rows.



Related terms

aggregate row

e.report

page

Query Editor

header

A unit of information that appears at the top of every page. A group header is a unit of information that appears at the beginning of a group section.

Related terms

group

group section

page

Contrast with

footer

help

See online help.

hexadecimal number

A number in base 16. A hexadecimal number uses the digits 0 through 9 and the letters A through F. Each place represents a power of 16. By comparison, base 10 numbers use the digits 0 through 9. Each place represents a power of

Related terms

binary number octal number

hierarchy

Any tree structure that has a root and branches that do not converge.



horizontal scroll bar

A scroll bar at the bottom of the window used to move the screen view to the left and right to access information formats wider than the existing document screen settings permit.



Contrast with

vertical scroll bar

HTML See hypertext markup language (HTML).

HTTP See HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

hyperlink

A programmed connection from one part of an expert to another part of the same or different e.report. Typically, hyperlinks let the user access related information within the same report, in another report, or in another application. A hyperlink is indicated by a change in the cursor shape to a hand. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcReportController.



2 A jump to another location on the same or a different web page.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) e.report dynamic hyperlink link

hypertext markup language (HTML)

A set of conventions that determine the format of a section of a document. HTML is the markup language that tells a parser that the text is a certain portion, for example, the title, heading, or body text, of a document on the World Wide Web. The parser programs that access these documents are called web browsers.

Related terms

web browser

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

HyperText Markup Language Page

A page containing tags that a web browser interprets and displays. This page can also be called a web page.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

page

web browser

HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

An Internet standard that supports the exchange of information using the World Wide Web. HTTP enables the embedding of hyperlinks from one part of a web document to another part of the same document or a different document.

Related terms

Internet

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

icon

An image representing a specific component, executable file, or task.



Related terms

component executable file

identifier

The name of an item in a program such as a class, function, or variable.

Related terms

class function program variable

image

An imported graphic file. Actuate supports .BMP, .JPEG, .PCX, .TGA, and .TIF

image control

A component that adds a bitmap or other graphic to a report design. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcImageControl.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) bitmap component control image

implicit declaration

A variable declaration in an assignment statement rather than in the Dim, Global, or Static statements. Implicit declaration is supported in Visual Basic, but not in Actuate Basic. All declarations in Actuate Basic are explicit.

Related terms

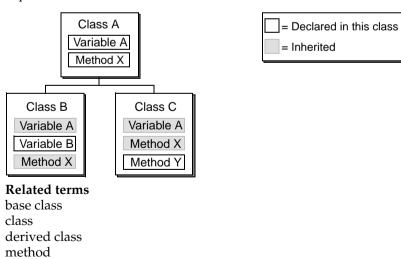
declaration statement variable

imported object

See OLE (object linking and embedding).

inheritance

A mechanism whereby one class of objects can be defined as a special case of a more general class and automatically includes the method and variable definitions of the general class, known as a base or superclass. The superclass serves as the baseline for the appearance and behavior of the derived class, or subclass. In the subclass, the appearance and behavior can be further specialized without affecting the superclass. There are two kinds of inheritance: single inheritance and multiple inheritance. Typically, a subclass augments or redefines the behavior and structure of its superclass or superclasses.



multiple inheritance

object

single inheritance

subclass superclass variable

initial view

The first view a user sees when the user opens a cube.

Related term

cube

inner join

A type of join that returns records from two tables based on their having specified values in the join fields. The most common type of inner join is the equi-join, in which records are combined and returned based on field values being equal. For example, if customer and order tables are joined on customer ID, the result set will contain only combined customer and order records where the customer IDs are equal.

Related term

ioin

Contrast with outer join

input area

A rectangular area on a computer screen, such as a dialog box, in which you can type values.

input object

A parameter passed to a request.

input source

See data source.

instance

An object that belongs to a particular class. The objects contain only their particular values for the variables. An instance has state, behavior, and identity.

Related terms

class object variable

instance variable

A variable that can contain a different value in each instance of a class. For example, instance variables store data values, font, and size.

Related terms

class

global variable

value variable

Contrast with

static variable

instantiation

The process of creating an object from a particular class.

Related terms

class instance object

Integer data type

An Actuate Basic data type that stores whole numbers, ranging in value from - 2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647.

Related terms Actuate Basic data type

Internet

A system of linked networks that provides services such as remote login, file transfer, electronic mail, and newsgroups. The Internet enables existing computer networks to extend their reach and connectivity. The Actuate LRX (Live Report Extension) and the Actuate ReportCast are tools that take advantage of Internet capabilities to provide access to reports distributed over the World Wide Web.

Related terms

Actuate Live Report Extension (LRX)

Actuate ReportCast

web server

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Internet Explorer

See Microsoft Internet Explorer.

IP address

Java

The unique 32-bit ID of a node on a TCP/IP network. At login, an Actuate report server accepts an IP address.

A programming language designed for writing client/server and networked applications, particularly for delivery on the World Wide Web. Java can be used to write applets that animate web pages or to create interactive web sites.

Related terms

applet application client/server

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

Java Development Toolkit (JDK)

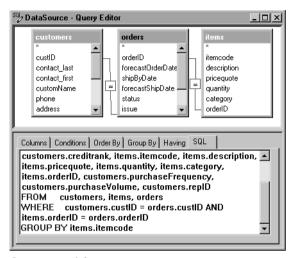
Defines the Java API.

Related term

Application Programming Interface (API)

join

A SQL query operation that combines records from two tables and returns them in a result set based on the values in the join columns. When used without further qualification, join usually refers to an equi-join. For example, customer and order tables are joined on a common field such as customer ID. The result set contains combined customer and order records in which the customer IDs are equal.



Contrast with

inner join outer join

keyword

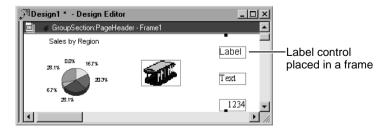
A symbol recognized as part of a programming language. For example, If, Then, and Loop are Actuate Basic keywords.

Related term

Actuate Basic

label control

A component that adds static numbers and text to an e.report. For example, a label control can be a heading above a column of data. A label control must be in a flow, frame, or page. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcLabelControl.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

control

flow

frame

page

Contrast with

text control

layout

The designed appearance of an e.report including controls, flows, graphic elements, and margins. HTML page layouts have a narrower range of options than standard page layouts. For example, HTML supports horizontal lines, not vertical lines. Actuate HTML reports can contain tables and aligned controls in columnar layout. The HTML palette includes specific classes such as AcHtmlTable, and components to support layout requirements in an HTML report.



Controls and graphic elements of a report title page

Related terms

control

e.report

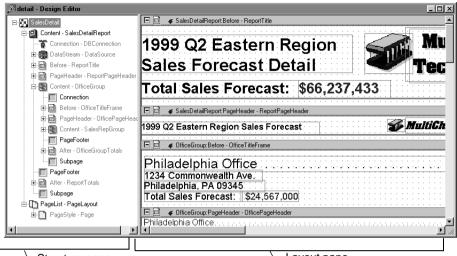
flow

hypertext markup language (HTML)

palette

layout pane

A portion of the Design Editor window that displays a visual representation of components showing their appearance. The other portion of the Design Editor window is the structure pane.



Structure pane

-Layout pane

Related terms

component Design Editor structure pane

level-break listing

See grouped report.

level-break section

See group section.

library

A file that contains published components.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class Library

component publish

report object library (.ROL) file

Library Browser

A tool that lists the components that have been published in a library.

Related terms

component library publish

line control

A component that draws a line in a report design. Line controls are contained in a flow, frame, or page. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcLineControl.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

control

flow

frame

page

link

A connection between an OLE object and its object application. Some database products use link as a synonym for join. Actuate products use the term join, not link.

Related terms

hyperlink

OLE (object linking and embedding)

Contrast with

join

list box

A control that provides a series of choices.



Related term

control

listing report

A report that provides a simple view of ungrouped data. A listing report uses the same frame to print every row.

Related terms

data

e.report

frame

row

Live Report Extension (LRX)

See Actuate Live Report Extension (LRX).

logic error

A programming mistake that causes code to produce incorrect results or halt the program.

Long data type

An Actuate Basic data type that stores four-byte integers, ranging in value from -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483, 647.

Related terms

Actuate Basic data type value

LRX

See Actuate Live Report Extension (LRX).

mailing label report

A report that formats name and address information to be printed on address stickers such as Avery labels.

Related term

e.report

matrix

See crosstab report.

MDI (multiple document interface)

A Windows protocol that lets you open multiple document windows within an application window.

member

- 1 A method or variable defined in a class.
- **2** A user, a role, or a group in an e.Reporting Server.

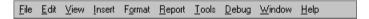
Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

class method variable

menu bar

A horizontal bar below the title bar that contains menu names.



method

A function that accesses the data in an object or a class. Methods are written in Actuate Basic.

Related terms Actuate Basic

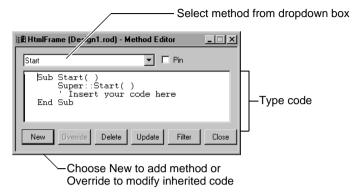
class data function object

Contrast with

overloaded method

Method Editor

A tool in e.Report Designer Professional used to write code for Actuate Basic methods.



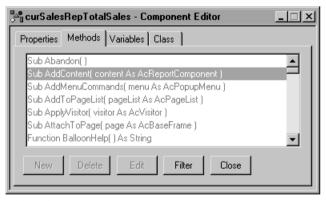
Related terms

Actuate Basic

Actuate e.Report Designer Professional

Methods page

A page in the Component Editor that displays all the methods for a component. From the Methods page, the user can access the Method Editor to override methods or create new methods.



Related terms

component Component Editor method Method Editor page

Microsoft Internet Explorer

A web browser that offers support for advanced web sites including those that use animation, forms, and flashing text.

Related term

web browser

modal window

A window that retains focus until explicitly closed by the user. Typically, dialog boxes and message windows are modal. For example, an error message dialog remains on the screen until the user responds.

Contrast with

modeless window

modeless window

A window that solicits input, but permits users to continue using the current application without responding to that modeless window.

Contrast with

modal window

module

A file that contains class, type, or variable declarations for an application. A module is a unit of code that serves as a building block for the structure of a system.

Related terms

class

data type

declaration

semantic type

variable

multicolumn report

A report that displays or prints data in several vertical flows.

Related terms

data

e.report

flow

multiple document interface (MDI)

See MDI (multiple document interface).

multiple inheritance

A relationship among classes in which a subclass inherits from more than one superclass. Each subclass can have any number of superclasses.

Related terms

class

derived class inheritance single inheritance subclass superclass

multidimensional analysis

A process that applies data filters simultaneously to multiple dimensions of a cube to examine relationships among those dimensions.

Related terms

cube data filter dimension

process

multidimensional data

Any set of records that you can break down or filter according to the contents of individual fields or dimensions such as product, location, or time. This organization supports presentation and analysis of complex relationships.

Related terms

data dimension

multithreaded application

An application that handles multiple simultaneous users and sessions.

Related term application

name space

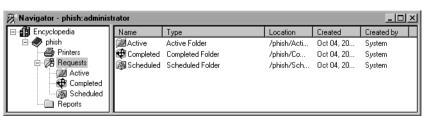
See global name space.

Navigation bar

See table of contents.

Navigator

A tool that provides access to the Actuate Report Encyclopedia available as part of the Actuate e.Reporting Suite. Use the Navigator to read completed reports, request reports, and schedule report requests. Access to items in the Report Encyclopedia depends upon user privileges.



Actuate e.Reporting Server e.report Report Encyclopedia

nested report

See subreport.

Netscape Navigator

A web browser that offers support for advanced web sites including those that use animation, forms, and flashing text.

Related term

web browser

notification

- 1 A message sent by e-mail or presented by the Navigator in the Completed folder advising that a requested report has been run and is available for viewing. The message is a transient object.
- **2** A message from the e.Reporting Server software to the client software regarding the completion of a request, failure of a request, or an error that has occurred.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

client/server Navigator object request

notification group

A set of users who are informed of a completed request and available e.report.

Related terms

e.report request

null

A value that indicates a variable contains no data.

Related terms

data value variable

numeric expression

A numeric constant, a simple numeric variable, a scalar reference to a numeric array, a numeric-valued function reference, or a sequence of the above, separated by numeric operators and parentheses. For example, Val(Dates) + 1.

Related terms

array

constant function variable

object

An instance of a particular class, including its characteristics, created during the process of running an e.report. For example, when a user runs a report, Actuate instantiates multiple persistent Customer Frame objects, one for each customer row retrieved from the database.

Related terms

class e.report image instance persistent object

text control transient object

object aging

See auto-archive.

object database management system (ODBMS)

A database management system built specifically to store and retrieve objects rather than simple data types.

Related terms

data type

database management system (DBMS)

object

object reference variable

A variable that contains a reference to an object. References can be passed to functions and subroutines as parameters.

Related terms

function

object

parameter

subroutine

variable

object-oriented programming

A method for writing applications using classes, not algorithms, as the fundamental building blocks.

Related terms

class method

object

octal number

A number in base 8. An octal number uses only the digits 0 through 7. Each place represents a power of 8. By comparison, base 10 numbers use the digits 0 through 9. Each place represents a power of 10.

Related terms

binary number

hexadecimal number

ODBC (open database connectivity)

A standard protocol used by Actuate as one of the database management system (DBMS) interfaces to connect reports to databases that comply with this specification.

Related terms

connection

database connection

database management system (DBMS)

ODBMS (object database management system)

See object database management system (ODBMS).

OLAP (Online Analytical Processing)

See Online Analytical Processing (OLAP).

OLE (object linking and embedding)

A Windows technology used to provide a document-centered rather than a program-centered environment. OLE provides a framework within which users can prepare and maintain compound documents.

Related term

OLE automation

OLE automation

A Windows technique that enables a client application to control an OLE server without direct input from the user. For use by the client, the OLE server must provide a defined interface to its functions.

Related terms

client/server

OLE (object linking and embedding)

Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)

The process of collecting, managing, presenting, and analyzing multidimensional data.

Related terms

data

process

online help

- 1 Information displayed on the computer screen to help the user understand an application.
- **2** In an Actuate report, an explanation associated with an object. The user displays online help when viewing the e.report to find out more about a particular object in the report. For example, a calculated control might have associated online help that explains how the calculation was performed.

Related terms

application calculated control e.report object

open server driver

An interface between an Actuate e.Reporting Server and an external application.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server driver program

open server technology

A technology that enables Actuate e.Reporting Server to manage and run non-Actuate reports.

Related term

Actuate e.Reporting Server

operator

A symbol or keyword that performs an operation on expressions. See *Actuate* Basic Language Reference for more detailed information about the various types of operators.

operations process

An e.Reporting Server process that executes a request to print or run an e.report.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

e.report

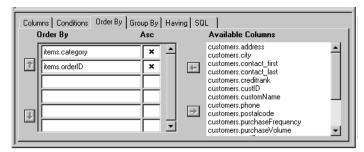
Factory process

Print process

request

Order By page

A page in the Query Editor that displays the sort key. You can use the Order By page instead of or in addition to group sections to specify how data is sorted.



data

group section

page

Query Editor

sort key

outer join

A type of join that returns records from one table even if there are no matching values in the other table. The two kinds of outer join are the left outer join and the right outer join. The left outer join returns all records from the table on the left in the join operation even if there are no matching values in the other table. The right outer join returns all records from the table on the right in the join operation. For example, if customers and orders tables are left outer joined on customer ID, the result set will contain all customer records including records for customers with no orders.

Related term

join

Contrast with

inner join

output format

A format to which Actuate reports can be exported. Output formats include BrioQuery, comma-delimited text, CorVu, Microsoft Excel, PDF, and XML.

Related term

extensible markup language (XML)

output object

A value returned by a request.

Related terms

request

value

Contrast with

input object

overlay graph

The part of a dual y-axis graph whose y-axis is on the right.

Related term

graph

Contrast with

base graph

overloaded method

A method in a single class in which different sets of arguments can be specified.

Related terms

argument

class

method

override

To write new code that replaces the default code of an inherited method.

Related terms

default

inheritance

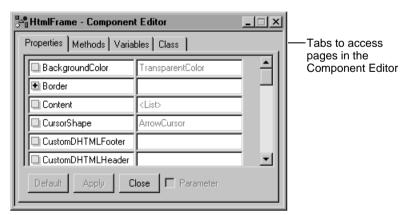
method

page

A component that specifies the visual design or layout of a page in the report. A page can contain controls, graphic components, flows, and frames. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcPage.



2 An area in a window that groups and displays related information. A window can contain several pages, each of which is accessed by a tab.



3 A collection of HTML information that displays in a web browser.

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

control

flow

frame

hypertext markup language (HTML)

layout

web browser

Page List

1 A component that maintains a list of page layouts.



2 A slot in the structure pane where a page list component can be placed. The relevant Actuate Foundation Classes include AcCustomPageList, AcLeftRightPageList, AcSimplePageList, and AcTitleBodyPageList.



Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

layout

page

slot

structure pane

page security

A technology that controls access to structured content available on the World Wide Web. Access privileges are based on user name or role. Page security is a capability of the Advanced e.Reporting Server only.

Related terms

access control list (ACL)

Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server

role

structured content

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

palette

A collection of components that represent specific classes. The Design Editor contains a main palette consisting of a series of buttons, one for each of the component palettes. The component palettes group classes by functionality:

Structure, Data, Controls, Graphics, HTML, and Page Layout. Users can add additional palettes and modify existing palettes.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

class

component

Design Editor

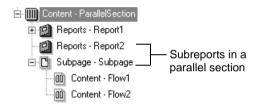
hypertext markup language (HTML)

layout

parallel section

A component that contains two or more subreports displayed or printed on the same page. For example, the left side of the page contains a report that displays or prints employee addresses, and the right side of the page contains a report that displays or prints employee salary histories. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcParallelSection.





Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

e.report

page

section

subreport

Contrast with

conditional section

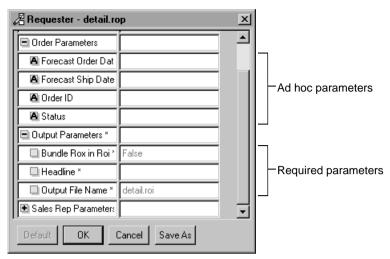
group section

report section

sequential section

parameter

- 1 The data passed between functions, programs, or subroutines.
- In an Actuate e.report, a variable containing a value. Parameters provide an opportunity for the user to type a value as input to the execution of a report. Parameters provide control over report data selection, processing, and formatting.



ad hoc parameter e.report function input object program subroutine value variable

parent class

See superclass.

password

An optional code that restricts user name access to the Report Encyclopedia. Passwords can be up to 256 characters in length and can contain any ASCII characters except control characters or spaces. Passwords are case-sensitive. Passwords can use a mixture of case, alphabetical, and numerical characters to increase security.

Related terms

Report Encyclopedia

user name

paste

A technique that moves material temporarily located on the Clipboard into a document.

Related term

Clipboard

pattern matching

See search expression.

persistent object

An object created by a client or server process and permanently stored in a file. Most objects, including data controls, graphical elements, pages, and sections, are persistent. A report object instance (.ROI) file contains only persistent objects.

Related terms

data control

obiect

page

Persistent Object process

report object instance (.ROI) file

section

Contrast with

transient object

Persistent Object process

An Actuate e.Reporting Server process that manages an object that exists until the report file is deleted. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

persistent object

server processes

Persistent Object Storage Manager (POSM)

A mechanism used for reading and writing a stored object that exists until the report file is deleted.

Related terms

object

report object instance (.ROI) file

personal channel

A ReportCast channel page that displays the user's completed requests folder.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel page

Requests folder

personal folder

A user's working environment in the Report Encyclopedia.

Report Encyclopedia

plug-in

A software program that extends the capabilities of an Internet browser. For example, a plug-in gives you the ability to play audio samples or video movies.

Related terms

browser Internet

polymorphism

The ability to hide different implementations behind a common interface, simplifying the communication among objects. For example, defining a unique print method for each kind of document in a system supports printing of any document by sending the message print, without concern for how that method was actually carried out for a given document.

pop-up menu

See context menu.

preference

An option that specifies an action. For example, a user preference can specify e-mail notification and priority level.

Related term notification

Print process

An Actuate e.Reporting Server process that executes a request for a printed copy of an e.report. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

e.report request

server processes

printer attributes

A list of properties that describes the fixed characteristics of a printer. These properties can limit report design features.

Related terms

design e.report property

Contrast with printer options

printer options

A list of properties that describe printer characteristics that can be controlled or modified by the report design. For example, the report design can specify the page size. In this case, the report design options are limited by the available page size which is a printer attribute.

Related terms

design e.report property Contrast with printer attributes

privilege

A level of control over an item in the Report Encyclopedia. Privileges are granted to users either directly or through roles. The privileges include the ability to delete, execute, grant, read, secure read, visible, and write. The user who develops a particular item and places it in the Report Encyclopedia and the administrator both have all privileges for that item.

Related terms

delete privilege execute privilege grant privilege read privilege Report Encyclopedia

secure read privilege visible privilege write privilege

procedure

A set of commands, statements, input data, and comments that cause a specific set of operations to be performed.

Related terms

command comment data object

operations process

statement

process

A computer program that has no user interface. For example, the Actuate Factory process that runs an Actuate report.

Factory

Factory process

program

program

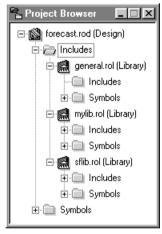
- 1 To write instructions in a language that can be understood by a computer.
- **2** A set of instructions written in a language such as Actuate Basic.

Related term

Actuate Basic

Project Browser

A tool that lists the files included in a report design.



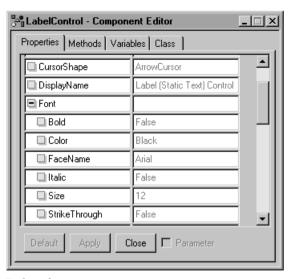
Related terms

browser

report object design

Properties page

A page in the Component Editor that lists the properties of a component, such as font size. Use the Properties page to specify values for properties.



component

Component Editor

page

property

Contrast with

Class page

Methods page

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Variables page

property

A characteristic of an object for which the user can specify a value. Use the Properties page in the Component Editor or use code to specify values for properties. A property controls the appearance and behavior of an object, such as the font size for a label control or the server name for a database connection.

Related terms

Component Editor

component reference property

object

Properties page

value

Contrast with

method

property list

See Properties page.

publish

A command that places a component in the library for reuse. Publish creates a reference from the library back to the original design.

component library

publish and subscribe

A method of communication between applications by which one application subscribes to another. The second application publishes to the first application. The publish operation occurs without a request from the first application.

Related terms

application publish subscribe

push

A distribution mechanism that delivers information on preselected topics or categories to a World Wide Web user. Notifications about newly generated e.reports are automatically pushed to specific channels using Actuate's ReportCast technology

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel e.report

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

query

A SQL SELECT statement that specifies which rows to retrieve from the database.

Related terms

row

SOL SELECT statement

Query by Example (QBE)

A syntax for writing expressions that specify data to be retrieved from the database. For example, a QBE expression can be used in the Conditions page of the Query Editor. Actuate modifies a query by writing SQL code based on the QBE expression.

Related terms

data

expression

Query Editor

query data stream

A data stream that obtains data from a relational database using a SQL query.

Related terms

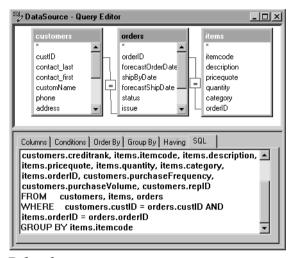
data

data stream

query

Query Editor

A tool in e.Report Designer and e.Report Designer Professional used to write a SQL SELECT statement. The upper pane in the Query Editor lists tables included in the e.report. The upper pane also shows the joins between those tables. Use the upper pane to select tables and specify the joins between the tables.



Related terms

ioin page **SQL SELECT statement**

query parameter

See parameter.

query synchronization

The ability to update the database schema connected to the report design.

Related term

report object design

range

The distance between the start and end value of the x-axis in a time series graph. The range is specified by the Range and RangeUnit properties.

Related terms

graph tick interval time series graph value

read privilege

A privilege that provides the option to open, work with, and print an item in the Report Encyclopedia. Other privileges include delete, execute, grant, secure read, visible, and write.

Related terms

delete privilege execute privilege grant privilege privilege Report Encyclopedia secure read privilege visible privilege write privilege

rectangle control

A component used to add box shapes to a report design. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcRectangleControl.



Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

report object design

recursion

A process in which a function or subroutine directly or indirectly calls itself to accomplish some task. The recursive function or subroutine continues until it is interrupted or until a specified condition is met.

Related terms

function program subroutine

reference

A pointer to an existing class in a report object design or a component library. A referenced class cannot be modified.

Related terms

class

component library

report object design

Contrast with

subclass

report

See e.report

report, nested

See subreport.

report bursting

A report design technique used to break a large report into several small reports. Using this technique, the single report object executable (.ROX) file generates multiple report object instance (.ROI) files.

Related terms

Report Object

report object design

report object executable (.ROX) file report object instance (.ROI) file

ReportCast

See Actuate ReportCast or Actuate ReportCast technology.

ReportCast directive

A request that triggers the use of a particular template. Directives include requests to run an e.report, view a report, or subscribe to a ReportCast channel. For example:

http://<webserver>/acweb/<reportserver>/<folder>/?sort=name

displays the contents of the specified folder sorted by owner name.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel

e.report

request

template

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

ReportCast template file

A file used by Actuate ReportCast to control the appearance of generated web pages. A set of default template files installs with Actuate ReportCast. Users can also create their own templates. Actuate ReportCast locates HTML template files by looking up the values of predefined variables in the operating system environment. Actuate template files have the extension ACHTML.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast

hypertext markup language (HTML)

template

Report Encyclopedia

A shared repository for all information related to the reporting environment. The Report Encyclopedia contains an administrative directory, a requests and scheduling directory, and a report items directory. The administrative directory includes users, roles, and privileges. The report items directory includes designs, executables, instances, parameters, files, and libraries.

Related term

Actuate e.Reporting Server

Report Object

- 1 A structured document called an e.report that is composed of persistent objects that are active and intelligent.
- **2** A component that contains all other components in an e.report. The report object is the root of the report structure. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcReport.

Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component e.report

object

persistent object

report object design

A specification that describes how to produce a report object instance.

Related terms

report object design (.ROD) file report object design (.JOD) file Java Edition

report object design (.ROD) file

A file that contains a report design. A design file is created when the user saves a report design.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file Basic source (.BAS) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object instance (.ROI) file report object library (.ROL) file

report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search definition (.ROS) file

report object design (.JOD) file Java Edition

A file that contains a report design for e.Report Designer Java Edition. A design file is created when the user saves a report design.

Related term

report object design

report object executable

The instructions for generating and viewing a report object.

Related terms

Report Object

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

A file that contains the instructions for generating and viewing a report object. An executable file is the compiled executable form of an e.report created when the user compiles the Actuate Basic code (.BAS file) for the report.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

Basic source (.BAS) file

e.report

report object design (.ROD) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object library (.ROL) file

report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search definition (.ROS) file

report object instance

A set of persistent objects that represents a particular report.

Related terms

persistent object

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

A file that contains the viewable report.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

Basic source (.BAS) file

e.report

Report Object

report object design (.ROD) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object library (.ROL) file

report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search definition (.ROS) file

report object library

A collection of published components.

Related terms

component

publish

report object library (.ROL) file

report object library (.ROL) file

A file that contains published components. A library file is created using the New dialog box in e.Report Designer Professional.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

Basic source (.BAS) file

component

e.report

library

report object design (.ROD) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search definition (.ROS) file

report object parameter (.ROP) file

A file that contains a list of report parameters used by an open server report.

Related term

open server technology

report object value (.ROV) file

A file that contains parameter values that the Factory uses to generate the e.report. A parameter values file is automatically created when users run the report. The Requester API can also be used to create a parameter values file.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

Basic source (.BAS) file

e.report

Factory

parameter

report object design (.ROD) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object library (.ROL) file

report object web (.ROW) file

Requester Requester API search definition (.ROS) file

report object web (.ROW) file

A structured storage file that contains bitmap, graphics, HTML information, and other information needed for an e.report. Report object web files are created by the e.Reporting Server and can be used only in the Report Encyclopedia.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file Actuate e.Reporting Server Basic source (.BAS) file e.report hypertext markup language (HTML) Report Encyclopedia report object design (.ROD) file report object executable (.ROX) file report object instance (.ROI) file report object library (.ROL) file search definition (.ROS) file

report output

See output format.

ReportQuery

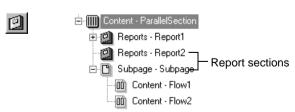
See search definition (.ROS) file and search extension.

ReportQuery extension

See search extension.

report section

A section that contains components that retrieve, organize, and display information. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcReportSection.



Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component section

Contrast with

conditional section group section parallel section sequential section

report server

See Actuate e.Reporting Server.

reportserver API

See Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK).

Report Server Security Extension (RSSE)

An Advanced e.Reporting Server capability that adds security IDs to a Report Encyclopedia user's access control list (ACL). The Report Server Security Extension is only used with reports that contain page security.

Related terms

access control list (ACL) Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server page security Report Encyclopedia security ID

request

An instruction to generate an e.report. The status of a request can be active, scheduled, or completed. A request requires sending an HTTP URL from the web browser. These requests typically have a format such as:

http://<webserver>/acweb/<reportserver>/path?command

A request for all reports for a particular individual would be:

http://<webserver>/acweb/<reportserver>/<folder>/?name

Related terms

e.report HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) url request web browser

Request process

An Actuate e.Reporting Server process that receives, prioritizes, and acts upon incoming requests from clients. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

Actuate e.Reporting Server

request

server processes

Requester

A mechanism in the client software used to provide or modify input parameters. The Factory uses those parameters while generating e.reports. If the client is connected to a report server, additional functions are available. The Requester is then a tabbed dialog that includes parameters, values, schedule, distribution, notification, and print tabs.

Related terms

e.report Factory notification parameter value

Requester API

See Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK).

request retry

A report server option that automatically resubmits a failed request.

Related term

request

Requests folder

A folder that includes active, scheduled, and completed requests for reports. In the completed requests folder, you can see your own requests and any other completed requests for which you are on the notification list. If you access a Report Encyclopedia over the World Wide Web the completed Requests folder appears as your personal channel in a web browser.

Related terms

channel notification request Report Encyclopedia

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

reserved word

See keyword.

result set

Data returned by a SQL query. A stored procedure can return one or more result sets. The automated features for stored procedures use the first returned result set.

data

stored procedure

role

A name for a group of privilege levels. Privileges are granted by an administrator who assigns roles.

Related terms administrator privilege

role owner

A user who has full administration privileges for a role.

Related terms administrator role

row

A record in a table. Related term

table

run

- **1** To execute a program, utility, or other machine function.
- 2 In Actuate, to request current data in a new instance of an e.report. A report executable (.ROX) is run to generate a new report.

Related terms

data e.report program

report object executable (.ROX) file report object instance (.ROI) file

scheduled request

A request designated for execution at a specified time. Scheduled requests are items in the Requests folder.

Related terms

request

Requests folder server application

scope

The parts of a program in which a symbol or object exists or is visible. The scope of a program element is determined by where the element is declared. The global scope in an Actuate Basic program holds all global variable, function, and class names. Scopes can be nested. For example, a function introduces a new scope for its parameters and local variables. As another example, a class introduces a scope for its member variables, member functions, and nested classes. Code in a method in one scope has visibility to other symbols in that same scope, and, with certain exceptions, to symbols in outer scopes.

Actuate Basic

class

function

object

program

scope-resolution operator (::)

variable

scope-resolution operator (::)

This operator refers to symbols in a different scope. A leading :: refers to the global scope. For example, AcReportElement::BuildFromRow means find BuildFromRow inside the scope introduced by AcReportElement.

Related terms

operator

scope

Scratch Pad

A tool in e.Report Designer Professional that stores components temporarily. The Scratch Pad is useful for restructuring a report design.





Related terms

component

report object design

scripting language

See Actuate Scripting Language.

SDK (Software Development Kit)

See Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK).

search A mechanism that uses search criteria to find data in an e.report. Related terms

data

e.report

search criteria

search criteria

A combination of objects to be used for searching and search expressions.

Related terms

object

search

search expression

search definition (.ROS) file

A file that contains search criteria, data to display, extract options, and report document structure information.

Related terms

Actuate Palette Representation (.APR) file

Basic source (.BAS) file

data

e.report

report object design (.ROD) file

report object executable (.ROX) file

report object instance (.ROI) file

report object library (.ROL) file

report object value (.ROV) file

report object web (.ROW) file

search criteria

search expression

Special		
characters	Definition	
\	Escape next character (one- or two-byte character)	
?	Match any one character (one- or two-byte character)	
#	Match any ASCII numeric character [0-9]	
*	Match zero or any number of character(s)	
\a	Match one alarm (0x07)	
\ b	Match one backspace (0x08)	
\t	Match one tab (0x09)	
\n	Match one new line (0x0a)	

Special	D.C.W.
characters	Definition
\f	Match one form feed (0x0c)
\r	Match one carriage return (0x0d)
\\	Match one backslash (\)
[]	Match zero characters (ignored)
[characterlist]	Match any one character inside the brackets
[a-z0-9]	Match any lowercase or ASCII numeric character
[a-z-]	Match any lowercase character or hyphen (-)
[^a-z0-9]	Match any character other than lowercase or ASCII numeric
[^]	Match one caret (^)
[?] or "\?"	Match one question mark (?)
[#] or "\#"	Match one pound sign (#)
[*] or "*"	Match one asterisk (*)
[[] or "\["	Match one open bracket ([)
[]] or "\]"	Match one closed bracket (])
["\["-"\]"]	Match any ASCII character code between [and]
["\1"-"\377"]	Match any octal character excluding NUL (0x00)
["\x100"-"\xffff"]	Match any hexadecimal character

wildcard

search extension

A dynamic-link library that provides an interface between Actuate client applications and third party applications such as Microsoft Excel and BrioQuery.

Related term

dynamic-link library (DLL)

search extension API

See Actuate Software Development Kit (SDK).

search indexing

A technique used to identify frequently searched fields to support faster searching of selected data appropriate to a user's privileges.

data privilege search

section

- 1 A component that determines the logical structure of information in an e.report. Sections process data rows to determine which visual components should generate output. e.Report Designer and e.Report Designer Professional provide five types of sections. These are conditional, group, parallel, report, and sequential sections.
- **2** A logical unit in a report created using e.Report Designer Java Edition. These reports can contain several sections. Each section has a query associated with it. Each query is independently executed to extract data from the data source.

Related terms

component conditional section data source e.report group section parallel section query report section sequential section

secure read privilege

A privilege that provides the option to open, work with, print, but not download an item in the Report Encyclopedia on the e.Reporting Server. The Advanced e.Reporting Server secure read privilege enables page security on a report object instance file. Other privileges include delete, execute, grant, read, visible, and write.

Related terms

Actuate Advanced e.Reporting Server
Actuate e.Reporting Server
delete privilege
execute privilege
grant privilege
privilege
Report Encyclopedia
report object instance (.ROI) file
read privilege
visible privilege
write privilege

security ID

An identifier such as a user name, an assigned name, or a role that is specified in a particular e.report by the report designer.

Related terms

access control list (ACL)

e.report

role

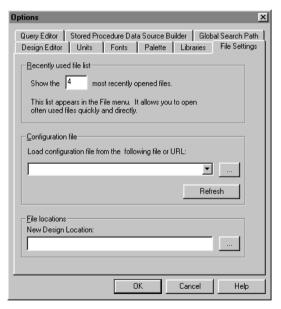
user name

select

1 To choose one or more items. The selected items are then affected by a user-driven operation.



2 To choose an option button, check box, or list item in a dialog box.



SELECT See SQL SELECT statement.

semantic type

Information that can be used to determine what an element contains. For example, a semantic type is AC_SEMANTIC_TYPE_OBJECT_ID. A comparable data type is AcProperty::STRING.

Contrast with

data type

sequential section

A section that contains several frames, subreports, or other sections that display or print in a specified order.

Related terms

frame

section

subreport

Contrast with

conditional section

group section

parallel section

report section

server application

An application that furnishes data in response to a request from a client application. A server is often located on a computer other than the client.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

client/server

server processes

A set of cooperating processes that constitute an Actuate e.Reporting Server. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server

Administration process

Factory process

Persistent Object process

Print process

Request process

View process

SGML (standard generalized markup language)

See standard generalized markup language (SGML).

Single data type

An Actuate Basic data type that stores single-precision floating-point numbers, ranging in value from - 1.797693134862315E308 to - 4.94066E-324 for negative values and from 4.94066E-324 to 1.797693134862315E308 for positive values.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

data type

single inheritance

A relationship between classes in which a subclass inherits from only one superclass.

Related terms

class

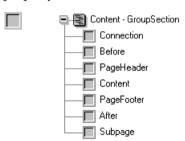
inheritance

Contrast with

multiple inheritance

slot

A visual target in the Design Editor that represents a component reference property. A slot indicates where a component can be placed.



Related terms

component

component reference property

Design Editor

property

Contrast with

Component Editor

SmartSearch

See search.

sort

To specify the order of data. For example, customer names can be sorted in alphabetical order.

Related term

data

sort filter

A kind of filter that sorts data rows for another data adapter.

Related terms data adapter data filter data row

sort key

A list of one or more column names. The order of the column names in the sort key specifies the sort order. For example, a sort by State and Date is different from a sort by Date and State.

column sort

SQL page

A page in the Query Editor that displays the SQL SELECT statement. Use the SQL page to view the SQL SELECT statement.

| SELECT items.itemcode, items.description, items.pricequote, items.quantity, items.category, items.orderID, orders.orderID, orders.forecastOrderDate, orders.shipByDate, orders.forecastShipDate, orders.status, orders.issue, orders.askByDate, orders.custID, orders.category, customers.custID, customers.contact_last, customers.category, customers.custID, customers.phone, customers.address, customers.city, customers.state, customers.postalcode, customers.creditrank, customers.purchaseFrequency, customers.purchaseVolume, customers.repID FROM customers, orders, items
WHERE orders.custID = customers.custID AND orders.orderID = items.orderID AND customers.creditrank LIKE 'C%'

Related terms

page Query Editor SOL SELECT statement

SQL SELECT statement

One statement in SQL (Structured Query Language), a language commonly used for database applications. A SQL SELECT statement provides instructions about which data to query for an e.report.

Related terms

e.report query Query Editor

standard generalized markup language (SGML)

A generic markup language that represents documents. SGML is an international standard that describes the relationship between document content and structure.

Related term

structured content

Contrast with

extensible markup language (XML)

statement

1 A syntactically complete unit in a programming language that expresses one action, declaration, or definition. Normally, there is only one statement on each line. To continue a statement on another line, Actuate Basic uses a plus sign (+) as the first character of the next line.

2 An object that provides a way to execute SQL statements. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcDBStatement.

Related terms

Actuate Basic declaration object

static control

A component that does not display data from the database. For example, labels, lines, and images are static controls. The relevant Actuate Foundation Classes are AcEllipseControl, AcLabelControl, AcImageControl, AcLineControl, and AcRectangleControl.











Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

Contrast with

data control static frame

static frame

A frame that contains only components that do not require data from the database. For example, a title that contains only a label and a graphic image is a static frame.

Related term

frame

Contrast with

data frame static control

static variable

- 1 A variable that contains a single value for all objects instantiated from a particular class.
- **2** A variable that retains its value as long as the program is running.

Related terms

class

object

program

variable

Contrast with

instance variable

global variable

stored procedure

A named set of one or more SQL queries that is stored in a database and can be called from an application.

Related terms application

query

Stored Procedure Data Source Builder

A tool that builds a data source using a stored procedure from a database.

Related terms

stored procedure

Stored Procedure Browser

Stored Procedure Browser

A window that lists the names of available stored procedures. The Stored Procedure Browser is accessed from the Stored Procedure Data Source Builder.

Related terms

browser

stored procedure

Stored Procedure Data Source Builder

String data type

An Actuate Basic data type comprising a sequence of contiguous characters including letters, numerals, spaces, and punctuation marks. Variable-length strings can contain up to approximately 2,147,283,647 characters or up to your computer's memory limit.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

data type

string expression

string expression

An Actuate Basic expression that evaluates to a series of contiguous characters. Elements of the expression may include a function that returns a string, a string constant, a string literal, a string operator, or a string variable.

Related terms

expression

function

String data type

variable

structural component

A component that appears in the structure pane of the Design Editor but does not appear in the layout pane or in the final report. Structural components control how the report is organized.

Related terms

component

Design Editor

e.report

layout pane

structure pane

Contrast with

visual component

structural relationship

A relationship in which one component references another component. The structure pane of the Design Editor displays structural relationships.

Related terms

component

Design Editor

structure pane

structured content

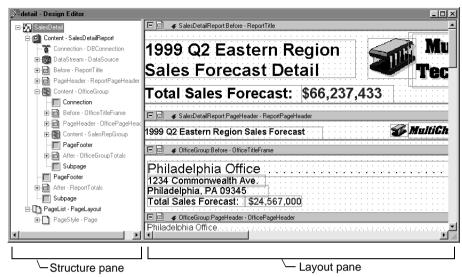
A formatted document that displays information from multiple data sources.

Related term

e.report

structure pane

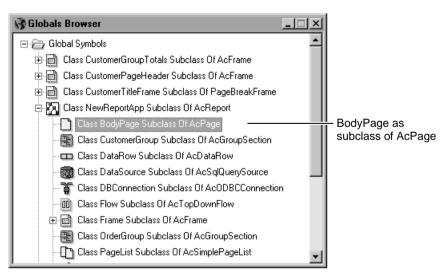
A portion of the Design Editor window that displays an outline of the report components showing their relationships to one another. The other portion of the Design Editor window is the layout pane. The structure pane can be used both to review and redesign the report.



Design Editor e.report layout pane

subclass

A class that is derived from and is a linked copy of another class. When you change the original class, the unmodified properties of the subclass change. A change to the subclass does not affect the original class. The subclass is the immediate descendant class.



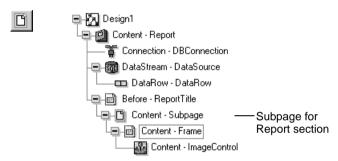
class descendant class subclass

Contrast with

ancestor class base class derived class reference superclass

subpage

A component that specifies the visual design of a page associated with a section. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcSubPage.



Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component section

Contrast with

page

subreport

A report section placed inside another section. For example, a parallel section contains several subreports. A report section placed inside another report section is sometimes called a nested report. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcReportSection.



Related terms

Actuate Foundation Class (AFC) component

e.report

parallel section report section

section

subroutine

A sequence of instructions that has been defined as a separate unit within a program, allowing the unit to be invoked anywhere in the program simply by including its name as one of the instructions. Subroutines are similar to functions, except they return no data.

Related terms

data
program
Contrast with
function

subscribe

A process that allows users to receive notification that a particular report or class of reports is available for viewing. To receive notifications of reports that are viewable in a web browser, a user subscribes to a channel.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel e.report

publish and subscribe

web browser Contrast with unsubscribe

Super

A keyword that accesses a method in another class. Super searches progressively until it finds the method.

Related terms

class keyword method

superclass

The immediate ancestor class.

Related terms ancestor class

class

Contrast with descendant class

subclass

Swing component architecture

A platform independent extension to the Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT).

Related term

Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT)

symbol

A unique name that represents an entity in a program. For example, a symbol can be the name of a class or variable.

Related terms

class

program

variable

symmetric multiprocessor (SMP)

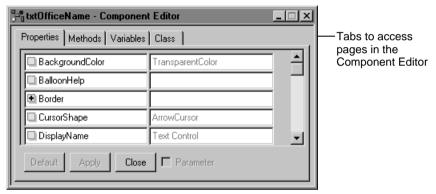
A multiprocessing architecture in which multiple CPUs, residing in one cabinet, share the same memory. SMP systems provide scalability.

syntax

The rules that govern the structure of a language.

tab

The label above a page in a dialog box that contains multiple pages.

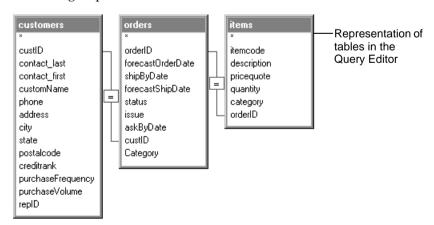


Related term

page

table

A named group of related data in rows and columns in a relational database.



column data row

table of contents

A hyperlinked outline of e.report contents.

Related terms

e.report hyperlink

Tag

- 1 A property that contains a number or name that identifies a flow. The user assigns the same identifier to a flow and to a report section so that the report section prints or displays in the specified flow.
- **2** A code that identifies a part of a document so that a web browser can tell how to display it.

Related terms

flow property report section web browser

template

- 1 In e.Report Designer and e.Report Designer Professional, a file that determines how generated HTML pages display in a web browser. Template files can contain HTML tags and scripting language commands which determine the format of the text, the text that should be displayed, and variables that form part of your request.
- **2** In e.Report Designer Java Edition, a sample report design.

Related terms

e.report

hypertext markup language (HTML)

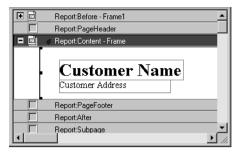
page

web browser

text control

A component that displays textual data in an e.report. For example, a text control displays customer names. A text control must be in a frame, page, or flow. The relevant Actuate Foundation Class is AcTextControl.





Actuate Foundation Class (AFC)

component

control

data

e.report

flow

frame

page

Contrast with

data control

label control

tick

A mark that occurs at regular intervals along the x- or y-axis of a graph.

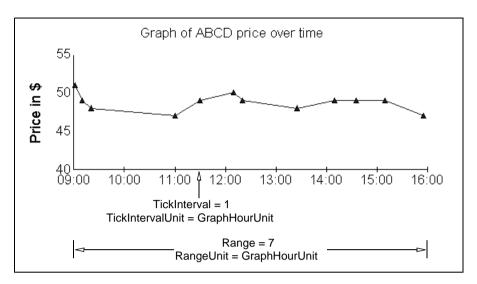
Related terms

graph

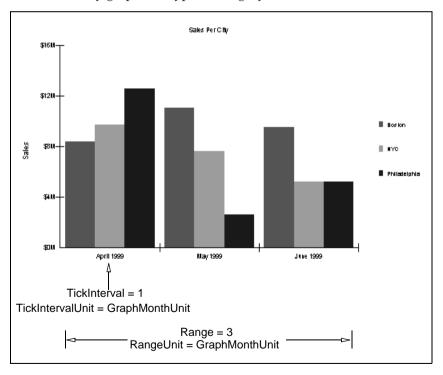
tick interval

tick interval

1 For a detail graph, the distance between tick marks on the x-axis.

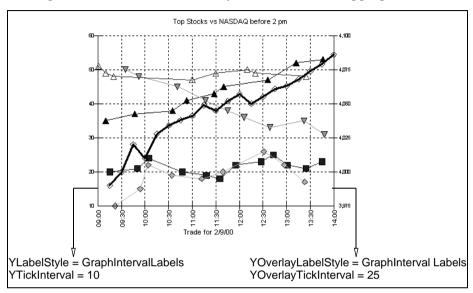


For a summary graph, the type of category that is created.



The tick interval for the x-axis is specified by the TickInterval and TickIntervalUnit properties.

2 The distance between tick marks on the y-axis or overlay axis. The tick interval for the y-axis is specified by setting YLabelStyle to GraphIntervalLabels and YTickInterval to the appropriate value. The tick interval for the overlay axis is specified by setting YÖverlayLabelStyle to GraphIntervalLabels and YOverlayTickInterval to the appropriate value.



Related terms

graph overlay graph range time series graph value

time series graph

A type of graph in which the calculation of the x-axis labels is based upon the Range, RangeUnit, RoundTo, TickInterval, and TickIntervalUnit properties.

Related terms

graph range tick interval

toolbar

A bar containing various buttons that provides access to common tasks. Different toolbars are available during different kinds of tasks.



Main Toolbar

transient object

An object that performs specialized tasks during report generation. Transient objects exist while the report is being generated, but are not saved to the report (.ROI) file and do not appear when the report is viewed or printed.

Related term

object

Contrast with persistent object

translator See converter

Transporter technology

See search extension

twip A screen-independer

A screen-independent unit of screen measurement equal to 1/20 of a printer's point. There are approximately 1440 twips in a logical inch or 567 twips in a logical centimeter.

type See data type and semantic type.

type declaration character

A character appended to a variable name to specify the variable's data type.

Character	Data type
%	Integer
&	Long
!	Single
#	Double
@	Currency
\$	String

Related terms

data type variable

Contrast with semantic type

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

A character string that identifies the location and type of a piece of information accessible over the World Wide Web. http:// is the familiar indicator that a document is accessible over the World Wide Web. The characters following http:// indicate the domain name of the computer where the information is

stored and the precise place within the directory structure where the document is located.

Related terms domain name

HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

unique ID

An identifier associated with a persistent object and independent of the name of a location.

Related terms

object

persistent object Contrast with transient object

universal hyperlink

See hyperlink.

unsubscribe

A process by which a user removes himself from a list of recipients of specified e.reports or classes of e.reports. Actuate ReportCast technology enables subscribe and unsubscribe capabilities.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast technology

channel e.report

publish and subscribe

Contrast with subscribe

URL

See Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

url request

A Web address that contains directives for Actuate ReportCast.

Related terms

Actuate ReportCast ReportCast directive

Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

user agent

Client software that interprets information provided in a particular format, then presents the information in a format easily accessible by the user. User agents include web, text-only, and graphical browsers, audio and Braille browsers, search robots, and proxies.

user name

A name that identifies a user of the Report Encyclopedia. The administrator uses the Administrator Desktop to create user names. A user name can be up to 256 characters in length and contain any ASCII characters except control

characters. User names can include spaces. User names are not case-sensitive, but names are displayed as typed by the administrator.

Related terms

administrator

password

Report Encyclopedia

user-defined type

A data type defined by a programmer, not built in to the programming language. User-defined types are classes, structures, and type definitions assembled from built-in data types, such as numbers and characters.

Related terms

class

data type

Contrast with

semantic type

value

- **1** A quantity assigned to a constant, variable, parameter, or symbol.
- **2** A specific occurrence of an attribute. For example, blue is a possible value for the attribute color.

Related terms

constant parameter variable

variable

A named storage location for data that can be modified while a program is running. Each variable has a unique name that identifies it within its scope. Each variable is capable of containing a certain type of data.

Related terms

data

data type

global variable

instance variable

object reference variable

program

scope

static variable

Contrast with

semantic type

Variables page

A page in the Component Editor that lists the variables of a component. Used to add new variables or to make a variable a property or parameter.

Related terms

component

Component Editor

page

parameter

property

variable

Contrast with

Class page

Methods page

Properties page

Variant data type

An Actuate Basic data type that holds data of all other types. Variants contain two pieces of information, a value and code indicating the value's type. Variant types can change dynamically when an e.report is running.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

data

data type

e.report

variable

vertical scroll bar

A scroll bar at the right side of the window used to move the screen view up and down to access information formats longer than the initial document screen settings permit.



Contrast with

horizontal scroll bar

view

The display of data in a cube. One dimension appears on the vertical axis and another dimension appears on the horizontal axis.

Related terms

cube

data

dimension

Viewer

See Actuate Viewer.

View process

An Actuate e.Reporting Server process that converts Actuate report documents to DHTML, PDF, or XML format. The server processes are Administration, Factory, Persistent Object, Print, Request, and View.

Related terms

Actuate e.Reporting Server dynamic hypertext markup language (DHTML) server processes extensible markup language (XML)

virtual class

See abstract base class.

Virtual Report Distribution

A mechanism for supplying reporting information over a network with reduced storage and network bandwidth requirements. Virtual Report Distribution stores a single copy of an e.report in a central location, and sends only the pages users want to view. The mechanism is also called demand paging. The mechanism is virtual because users are not required to have a local copy of the report, yet they have efficient access to the report.

Related terms

e.report demand paging

visible privilege

A privilege that provides the option to view items in the Report Encyclopedia. Other privileges include delete, execute, grant, read, secure read, and write.

Related terms

delete privilege execute privilege grant privilege privilege read privilege secure read privilege Report Encyclopedia write privilege

Visual Basic

A programming language developed by Microsoft. Actuate Basic is compatible with Visual Basic and has object-oriented extensions.

Related term

Actuate Basic

visual component

A component that displays data or static graphic elements in an e.report.

Related terms

component

control

data

e.report

Contrast with

structural component

visual programming

A method for writing applications by dragging and dropping components in the Design Editor and setting optional properties. Actuate translates these actions into Actuate Basic code.

Related terms

Actuate Basic

Design Editor

object-oriented programming

property

volume

- 1 A collection of Encyclopedia items managed by an Actuate e.Reporting Server. Administrators use a volume to group parts of a large Encyclopedia in convenient and manageable clusters.
- **2** The name of the machine on which the Actuate e.Reporting Server is running.

Related terms

administrator

Actuate e.Reporting Server

Report Encyclopedia

Web See World Wide Web (WWW or W3).

Web Agent See Actuate ReportCast.

web browser

An application that runs on a computer connected to the Internet and provides access to information distributed on the World Wide Web. An HTML report displays in a web browser.

Related terms

browser

hypertext markup language (HTML)

Internet

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

webcast See Actuate ReportCast technology.

web page See HyperText Markup Language Page.

web server A program that accepts requests for information based on the HyperText

Transfer Protocol (HTTP). The server processes the request and sends the

document to the web browser for display.

Related terms

HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

web browser

wildcard

A character used in a search or conditional expression that matches one or more literal characters. Actuate wildcards include the following.

Wildcard	Definition
?	Match any one character (one- or two-byte character)
#	Match any ASCII numeric character [0-9]
*	Match zero or any number of character(s)

Related term

search expression

World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

An international, but unofficial standards body that provides recommendations regarding Web standards. The World Wide Consortium publishes several levels of documents including notes, working drafts, proposed recommendations, and recommendations about Web applications related to topics such as HTML and XML.

Related terms

extensible markup language (XML) hypertext markup language (HTML) Internet World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

World Wide Web (WWW or W3)

An information system accessed through the Internet. The information available is heavily cross-referenced and linked so you access information primarily by clicking hyperlinks that take you to other documents. The Web uses the HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) that specifies how an application locates and acquires documents stored on other computers also attached to the Internet.

Related terms

hyperlink

Internet

HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP)

link

write privilege

A privilege that provides the option to place an item in the Report Encyclopedia. Other privileges include delete, execute, grant, read, secure read, and visible.

Related terms

delete privilege
execute privilege
grant privilege
privilege
read privilege
Report Encyclopedia
secure read privilege
visible privilege

WWW

See World Wide Web (WWW or W3).

XML converter

A tool that changes data in one XML format to another XML format.

Related terms

converter data

extensible markup language (XML)

XML (extensible markup language)

See extensible markup language (XML)

XML data format

A data format produced by Actuate e.Report Designer Professional.

Related terms

Actuate e.Report Designer Professional

data

extensible markup language (XML)

XML data stream

Output generated by an XML converter.

Related terms

converter

extensible markup language (XML)

XML converter

XML display format

An Actuate report format that encapsulates XML data and XML display formats.

Related terms

data

XML display format

XML report An e.report dynamically generated from an Actuate report object instance

ROI).

Related terms

e.report

extensible markup language (XML) report object instance (.ROI) file

structured content

zone See frame.